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Why are these thieves targeting my garden?

LIZZY BUCHAN

A DISABLED woman has spoken of her anger at thieves who have repeatedly stolen much-loved garden ornaments from outside her home.

Sue Farrow said it was "disgusting" that ornaments were being stolen from her home in Morley Drive, Ely, where she has lived for the last six years.

Callous thieves have targeted the 39-year-old's garden seven times since August last year, and every time she bought a replacement garden gnome or toadstool it has been snatched soon afterwards.

Sue suffers from fibromyalgia, a chronic condition which causes tiredness, headaches and pain all over the body.

As a result she struggles to walk and is often unable to leave her house.

She said: "I am putting them out to cheer myself up as I can get very low and I can't always get out a lot.

"I buy these things and someone just keeps taking them. It's disgusting."

Sue cannot plant flowers in her garden as it is looked after by a maintenance firm, so she started buying garden gnomes and other colourful ornaments to brighten up the area.

Sue, who works as an administrator, said: "It has been happening over a period of many months.

"I bought a pair of toadstools last summer and when I looked outside one day one of them was gone.

"I replaced it but that got taken too.

"I became so fed up as every time I bought a replacement it was taken away. I just thought: who would be doing this?

"I'm paying a lot of money for these things. I can't brighten up my garden any more and I am fed up with it.

"I am getting to the end of my tether."

She added: "I thought it was just a joke at first.

"I thought it was kids just mucking about but now it has become a regular thing I just don't know."

Sue said thieves may be targeting her property because it has support railings outside – which might make it look like an elderly or vulnerable person lived there.

She said: "The other houses in the area have got ornaments out and they are all still there.

"They are picking on my property."

The thefts have been reported to the police, who are working with her to try to catch the culprits.

Defiant Sue said she will not be intimidated by the thefts, which she admitted were "a bit scary".

She added: "I don't like the idea that someone might be watching the house.

"This has got to stop."

A spokesperson for Cambridgeshire police said: "We are aware of these incidents and we are looking into them.

"Police are working with the victim to stop this from happening.

"Anyone with information should call police on 101."

DISGUSTED: Sue Farrow in her garden

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STUNT: Visitors were greeted by fire jugglers Doody, left, and Rabs from Doody's i.circus.
Pictures by Warren Gunn

Worship, music and fun at 22nd Rave in the Nave

DEBRA FOX

AN AWARD-winning rap artist was one of the acts performing in Ely Cathedral for the annual Rave in the Nave event for young people.

Guvna B joined fellow musicians on the bill at Rave in the Nave – held every year for young people aged 12 and over.

The event, attended by people from churches and Christian youth teams across the Diocese of Ely, took place on Friday.

Guvna B, a London-based rapper, best-known for contemporary gospel rap music, entertained the crowds of more than 500 people, who flocked to the event.

He was joined by local act Empire Nation, and other live bands.

As well as the music, there was a barbecue, "chill out" cafe, inflatables, circus tricks and dancing.

This was the 22nd Rave in the Nave at the cathedral.

Chris Beaumont, an ordinand from Ridley Hall, Cambridge, attended the event for the first time on Friday.

He said:"It was a great event with lots happening, and there was a great buzz about it.

"Young people were learning about what it means to be people of faith in a multi-cultural environment and there were some amazing conversations with those wanting to know more about God, Jesus and what the cathedral is about.

"It was great to see so many different youth groups coming together and celebrating their faith as a multi-cultural community."

Visit www.raveinthenave.org for information about next year's event.

DANCING: On stage at Ely Cathedral

JOY: Singer Sarah King takes the stage, left, to entertain. Above: Having fun at Rave in the Nave

Festival of colour and sound

FOLK FESTIVAL: There was plenty of colour, music and entertainment at Ely Folk Festival at the weekend

■ DEBRA FOX AND GARETH MCPHERSON

THOUSANDS headed to the Ely Folk Festival to enjoy everything from Scottish mouth-music to dancing in lightning storms.

The festival is in its 29th year and featured acts including international singing star Eddi Reader, Scottish band Breabach, acclaimed singer-songwriter Steve Knightley, Martyn Joseph, The Carrivick Sisters, Vin Garbutt and Blackbeard's Tea Party.

Revellers faced changeable weather and Saturday night brought a lightning storm, which organisers said was "really just a prelude to the musical fireworks happening inside the marquees".

As ever, there were workshops and ceilidhs, children's entertainment, a real ale bar, craft and food stalls and Morris dancing throughout the weekend.

Fionnuala Lennon, one of the organisers, hailed the festival as "one of the best weekends ever" – mud and all.

"It was really great – we had fantastic music and lots of positive feedback from everybody who turned up.

"It was one of the best festival weekends yet."

She added: "We have a lot of volunteer stewards who come, and everybody put their shoulder to the mill and worked together.

"I think people come prepared, whatever the weather – we have had a fantastic line up this year and we're already thinking about next."

To keep up with the latest news, visit elyfolkfestival.co.uk

ON STAGE: One of the performers, above, and some young revellers, right

Women bishops vote hailed as 'breakthrough'

APPROVAL of women bishops by the Church of England has been hailed as a "joyous and thrilling breakthrough" by the Bishop of Ely.

Legislation backing the move achieved the necessary two-thirds majority in all three houses of the General Synod in York on Monday, meaning the first female bishop could be appointed by the end of this year.

JOYOUS: The Rt Rev Stephen Conway

Speaking after the vote, the Bishop of Ely, the Rt Rev Stephen Conway, said: "The clear vote for women bishops by the General Synod is the culmination of years of prayer, study and debate. It is a joyous and thrilling breakthrough for the Church of God and in particular for the Church of England.

"I am excited by the prospect of our being able to move as swiftly as possible to the consecration of the first women as colleagues within the College and House of Bishops."

The success in the make-or-break vote came after a plan to introduce women bishops collapsed in November 2012 when it was derailed by just six votes cast by lay members.

Lorry driver cautioned for fake stabbing claim

A LORRY driver who sparked a large police investigation when he claimed he had been stabbed in a Haddenham layby, has been cautioned for wasting police time.

The 45-year-old, from Peterborough, told police on April 1 that he had been stabbed by a stranger in an unprovoked random attack.

An investigation was launched to find the attacker but detectives became suspicious that the injuries were self-inflicted and carried out a number of forensic tests.

The man was then interviewed and admitted to having caused the injuries himself.

Last week he was cautioned for 'causing the wasteful employment of police', and he must also undergo a series of counselling sessions as part of the caution.

Detective Constable Mark Beaven said: "This was a thorough and lengthy investigation which not only involved uniformed and CID officers, but also staff from the ambulance service, hospital and Scenes of Crime.

"It took up a large amount of time and resources which would have been better used elsewhere.

"Hopefully this will reassure the community that there is not a violent suspect at large in the area and also shows the lengths we go to solve such incidents."

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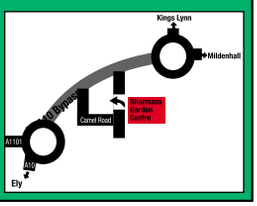

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BEGINNINGS: Sir Michael Marshall leads the ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the new boathouse

Work starts on Ely's new boathouse

PROJECT Ely – the creation of a new boathouse near the River Great Ouse – has begun.

Groundwork on the multi-million pound initiative has officially started this week, with "physical building work" scheduled to kick off early next year.

The Cambridge University boathouse will be built at Fore Mill Wash, beside the River Great Ouse.

Ewan Pearson, chairman of Project Ely, said the start of groundwork was a "major moment" in the project.

"It is significant for us to be starting work on this project – it has been five years since we started," he said.

Planning permission for the boathouse was granted last July – despite objections.

The plans are also subject to almost 30 conditions, designed to protect the site's surrounding environment.

One of these conditions, Mr Pearson said, is to create a wildlife lagoon which will give something back to the environment.

The groundwork will be centered around creating the lagoon, as well as a landing stage and entrance road.

He added: "The lagoon will increase biodiversity – there will be more species of animals and plants.

"We are going to be planting a specific sort of plant that will encourage more species to come to the site and use it as a natural spot."

It is hoped that the boathouse, which will take 12 months to build, will be finished by the end of next year.

Jodie's story of success after battling dylexia

JORDAN DAY

A DAD who left school with no qualifications has just completed Level 2 of a plumbing and heating apprenticeship.

Jodie Rogerson, 29, is dyslexic, and when he left school, aged 15, he could barely read or write.

But thanks to his own determination and a lot of support from his family, friends and local organisations, Jodie, of Chiefs Street, Ely, is now one step closer to becoming a qualified plumber.

His wife, Charley, said: "I'm incredibly proud of Jodie – we all are.

"When I met him 11 years ago he could barely read or write. He is dyslexic and sadly, years ago, I think schools just pushed dyslexia under the carpet.

"He used to get put in the naughty corner and given no help whatsoever. Thankfully, I think a lot of that has gone now and dyslexic children do get a lot more help.

SUCCESS STORY: Jodie with his son, Zachary, 3, and wife, Charley

"Jodie has got where he is today not only all in the name of bettering himself for myself and our 3-year-old son, Zachary, but also with a lot of help.

"Thanks to an adult learner course for maths and English run at Soham Library and Littleport Methodist Chapel, he improved drastically.

"Jodie has worked for his dad's plumbing and heating company, M Rogerson Ltd in Ely, since the age of 15, and two years ago he went to Cambridge Regional College to gain his plumbing and heating qualifications.

"He's just passed his Level 2 exams and we couldn't be more proud of him."

Charley, who works as a personal assistant for the Body Shape Fitness Camp in Ely, said: "I want Jodie's story to inspire others.

"Just because people are dyslexic or leave school without any qualifications, doesn't mean they can't achieve anything.

"Anything is achievable if you put your mind to it and Jodie has proven that. I want people to know that help is also out there."

READY, STEADY, SHOOT: From left: Anthony Bottazzi, Alex Harrison, Martin Skerrett, and Tom Evans.
Above: Rob Bresler, the winner in 2012 and 2013.

Pictures by Keith Heppell

Easy-peasy for world champion who takes pea shooting title – again!

YORKSHIRE has the snooker, Surrey stages the darts – and Cambridgeshire is host to the World Pea Shooting Championships.

Competitors have waited with bated breath for this year's event, which has run for 44 years in Witcham, but it was a familiar face who left the field clutching at straws to take the title for the third year on the trot.

Using shooters made of any material, and sometimes including sighting devices, they line up on the village green to propel dried peas by blowing with the mouth at a target 12ft away.

The rules state that peashooters cannot be longer than 12 inches and must not be shared with other contestants.

John Wells, a member of the organising committee, said there was a strong turnout at the event on Saturday and no sign that anyone had breached regulations.

He said: "We don't normally have any trouble with the rules, although sometimes you have someone trying to push the boundaries. As long as the pea shooters are about 12 inches we're not too concerned."

Rob Bresler, from Haddenham, was crowned World Pea Shooting Champion, securing a record-equalling three wins in a row.

Michelle Berry, from Witcham, won the ladies' event and Martha Collins won the children's.

Haddenham's Easy Riders won the team competition.

The championships raises funds for the upkeep of the village hall. This year it is set to raise more than £2,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese tea tasting in Ely

A CHINESE tea tasting event is being held in Ely tomorrow night.

Artist and tea expert Chen Xi is hosting the event at Samovar Tea House, in Forehill. It's running from 7pm-9pm and the cost is £10. Call (01353) 662160.

Sports themed fun

ACTIVITIES including golf and tag rugby will be keeping youngsters entertained in Little Downham.

As ever, the All 4 Sports programme is running at Downham Feoffees Primary School throughout the summer holidays. The sessions are running throughout the day, or for half days, and are suitable for children of all ages. The programme launches on Thursday, July 24. Call 07779 393356 or visit www.all-4-sports.co.uk.

Let off steam at cathedral

FREE children's drop-in sessions are being held at Ely Cathedral throughout the summer break.

The activities, which will include storytelling, crafts and bear trails around the cathedral, are running every Monday and Wednesday from 10am-12pm, as of Monday, July 28. Call (01353) 659 668.

One for Monty Python fans!

'MONTY Python Live' is being screened in Ely on Sunday night.

The screening is at The Maltings, in Ship Lane, at 7pm and tickets are £12 or £10 for Ely Cinema members. Call (01353) 616991.

Ely bypass CAN still go ahead

JORDAN DAY

COUNCIL leader James Palmer is assuring residents that Ely's Southern Bypass can still go ahead – despite it missing out on a multi-million pound Government funding package.

Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council were hoping that the £30 million bypass, which the authorities have identified as a priority scheme, would be included in the Government's funding packages for Cambridgeshire for 2015/16.

But the funding, which was announced last week, excludes the £8 million earmarked for the new bypass.

It has been reported that, as a result, the bypass will experience yet further delays – and that taxpayers could be asked to foot the bill instead – but Cllr Palmer, leader of the district council, says both claims are "absolute nonsense".

Speaking to *Ely News*, he said: "To suggest that there will be further delays to the Southern Bypass, and that taxpayers in East Cambridgeshire will be asked to foot the bill, is absolute nonsense.

"How can the Government commit to spending £8 million on a new road which has not yet been fully approved?

"I can completely understand why the money hasn't been confirmed in this round of funding.

"The moment the bypass plans are fully approved, which I am confident will happen, then I'm also confident the Government will commit to helping to fund it.

"The only thing delaying the bypass, which our region so desperately needs, is English Heritage, and we cannot underestimate what powers English Heritage have."

English Heritage is concerned about the impact the new road will have on views of Ely Cathedral, and the surrounding countryside, and as a result a decision on the bypass had to be put back.

A decision is now expected in September.

Charity football match in memory of Jack

A CHARITY football match is being held on Sunday in memory of popular teenager, Jack Ure.

The Jack Ure XI will be playing against Pymoor FC in the match at Pymoor Cricket and Social Club, in Pymoor Lane.

18-year-old Jack, a student at Ely Sixth-Form College, was killed in a horrific three-vehicle crash at the bridge in Sandhill, Littleport, on June 20 last year.

Jack, who lived with his parents, Tony and Emma, and sister, Lucy, in Pymoor, had finished his final A-level exam just hours before the accident happened.

A charity football match was held in his memory last July and raised thousands of pounds for the emergency medical charity, Magpas.

This year's event starts at 12pm and kick off will be at 2pm.

As well as the match, there will also be stalls and refreshments.

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Ely has lots of good shops!

IN response to the letter from Jenny Childs about shopping in Ely.
Why on earth should the stores she mentions [Next, Debenhams, M&S] spend vast amounts of money on opening a branch in Ely?
As she says, able-bodied people can go to Cambridge or Peterborough. Many people now shop online.
I take issue with her statement that all we have is what can be found anywhere.
To name but a few: We have one of the country's best book shops; a remarkable news agent which will get you any obscure publication you ask for; an independent shoe shop; an outstanding pork butchers; a mouth watering chocolate shop; a toy shop like Aladdin's cave with haberdashery attached.
There is only one antiques shop in Ely, plus the warehouse by the river.
And the charity shops have some really good stuff!
Jane Lemmon
Ely

Thank you for supporting us

THROUGH you may we take this opportunity to thank all who came to Aquafest this year and for making it an unqualified success. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.
All those years ago when it first started it was a gift to Ely from the Rotary Clubs to thank those who have supported Rotary over the past year. This year was no exception.
Service above self is the aim of Rotary. It is a meeting of volunteers who work for the community and have fun.
If anyone would like to join Rotary please contact us on 01353 669317.
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John Yates, President Ely (Hereward) Rotary Club
Bernard Arnold, President Ely Rotary Club

It shouldn't be a playground

YOUR two correspondents who criticise me for criticising the National Trust's so-called 'Wicken Vision' have missed important points.
The Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve was just that – a nature reserve – and it ought still to be a peaceful reserve for nature. It is supportable and sustainable as such and it ought neither to be a children's playground nor a high-priced theme park to make more money for the Trust.
The original Wicken Fen Nature Reserve was splendid. It never needed to be extended by thousands of acres to take in so much of the valuable food-growing Fen farm land between Wicken itself and the outskirts of Cambridge nor to have the land turned over to weeds and waste.
The so-called 'Wicken Vision' was the messianic mission of supposed visionaries long since departed and it ought now to be abandoned. The reason? Because the country needs more home-grown food.
Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham

YOUNG DRIVERS: Scouts aged 11-14 were able to put their driving skills to the test.

Scouts get in the driving seat!

CHILDREN as young as 11 were able to learn the basic driving skills in Ely.
A total of 22 members of Ely Scouts got the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a car at a Young Driver event – despite only being between ages 11 and 14.
Young Driver offers lessons to 11-17 year olds, with youngsters driving real dual control cars with fully qualified instructors. During a lesson, the driver gets to practise manoeuvres on a specially constructed road system with traffic signs, roundabouts and car parks.
Cecilia de Boer, leader of Ely Scouts, organised the event to be held in Sainsbury's car park.
She said: "Seeing the young people's smiles grow bigger and bigger as their confidence behind the wheel grew made the organisation of the event all worthwhile. The Scouts did themselves proud."
Visit www.youngdriver.eu for information.

Reserve has grown and grown

I SUSPECT that the two contributors, to your letters page last week, are unaware that Wicken Fen not only acquired two farms in recent years, but also acquired 24 acres of prime agricultural land from Cambs County Council. My FOI requesting how much was paid for "our" land was rejected, leaving me to suspect it was sold at less than the market price when, allegedly, farmers wanted to buy/rent that land.
They were not given the chance owing to some strange arrangement whereby the National Trust gets first refusal.
Two weeks ago worrying projections were made about a huge shortfall of suitable land for growing food.
People need to get with the programme and realise that balance is needed.
Wicken Fen wanted the farms for wetland birds; this area is one of the driest in the country and drawing water from rivers is limited, therefore it is fundamentally wrong to attract these birds to an area which may be unsustainable.
As far as activities for children, I would feel a lot happier if some of them were educational for parents and children about respecting wildlife, rivers and the countryside.
There certainly is a need for that.
Diana Donald
Soham

Review of Ely Choral Society's 'Carmen' in the Hayward Theatre, Ely, on Saturday

ELY Choral Society and Ely Youth Choir entertained a sizeable audience in the Hayward Theatre with a concert version of Bizet's 'Carmen' last Saturday night. Conducted by Andrew Parnell, this 'in house' production told the familiar story with moments of spirit and clarity. This production was very ably accompanied by pianist Jonathan Lilley, who supported events magnificently with his superb performance adding spirit and setting the mood.

The conductor's versatility was apparent when he and Jonathan Lilley sat at the piano to play the Overture as a piano duet. Then Andrew took up his baton and events unfolded. The choir sang well, adapting to the changes of expression and tempo precisely and singing with the clearest diction I think I have ever heard in a choir. The soloists were from the ranks and featured Deborah Norris (mezzo soprano) who played Carmen, Anne Baker (soprano) portraying Micaëla, Charles Schneider (tenor) who was Don José and Nick Ward (bass-baritone) as Escamillo.

The highlight for me was undoubtedly Charles Schneider whose strong expressive voice drew out every emotion the poor tortured character Don José suffered. You could feel the pain. More of Charles in the future please!

While this was a well presented concert, with such a large choir it would be lovely to have heard more from them, - perhaps a popular collection of choruses from operas/operettas or musical shows?

Notwithstanding, this was, as expected, a most enjoyable evening.

Ely Choral Society's next performance will be on Saturday 25th October 2014, 730 pm in the Lady Chapel when they perform 'Mass in E minor' by Bruckner.

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Rosemary Westwell

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FUNDRAISING SUCCESS: Lisa Bell, from the charity, receives the cheque from Richard Emms and pupils.

Pupils' £6,000 boost for charity

THE Brain Tumour Charity is more than £6,000 better off thanks to a group of students at King's Ely.

Pupils in Wilkinson House, a boys' day house at King's, chose the charity because their housemaster, Richard Emms, lost his younger brother to a brain tumour five years ago at the age of 39.

Around 100 students have thrown themselves into a wide variety of fundraising activities over the last year, including running a tuck shop, hosting stalls and attractions and organising competitions. In addition, almost every member of the house raised sponsorship for competing in the school's annual cross country run.

"I am so proud and touched by what the boys have done for a charity so close to my heart," said Richard. He added: "Never did we imagine that we could raise such a staggering sum, but effort and involvement have gathered momentum over the year, thanks to a wonderful common purpose and house spirit." They raised £6,089 in total.

Campaign to prevent straw stack fires

POLICE and the fire service are urging people to report suspicious activity around straw stacks in the Ely area in a bid to reduce the risk of arson attacks.

The number of deliberate stack fires increased last year to 17, up five incidents compared with 2012 to 2013.

Historically, stacks tend to be targeted between July and October.

Officers are working with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch and the National Farmers' Union to launch Operation Armitage.

Inspector Ian Ford said: "These fires cost businesses thousands of pounds and also cause huge disruption to rural communities and motorists.

"We are using a range of tactics, including the use of covert equipment, to identify and catch anyone committing this type of crime. But we also need people to report any suspicious activity around these stacks.

"Offenders face being arrested and put before the courts. However, there is also an important safety issue to consider.

"Those responsible are not only risking their own lives but potentially the lives of others."

Any information regarding suspects or suspicious activities around straw stacks should be reported to police by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Recycling centres could shut down

CHRIS HAVERGAL AND JORDAN DAY

RECYCLING centres across Cambridgeshire could be shut down or have their opening hours slashed in a bid to save money.

As many as three of the nine sites operated by Cambridgeshire County Council – including the state-of-the-art centre in Witchford – could be closed as the authority battles to save £149 million over the next five years.

Other options under consideration include shutting all of the recycling centres for two or three days during the week, and introducing charges for disposal of items such as hardcore or plasterboard which are not strictly classed as household waste.

However, concerns have been raised that the cuts could lead to an increase in fly-tipping or could trigger a drop in recycling rates.

The council's highways and community infrastructure committee is set to approve a consultation on the issue.

Cllr Roger Hickford, who chairs the panel, said: "Across the council we are looking to find savings to deliver the core services which Cambridgeshire and our residents need in the years ahead.

"No service is immune from this process as we try to manage the increasing demands on our budget.

"The challenge we face is to deliver the savings we need without incurring the greater costs of burying rubbish in the ground, deterring recycling, or causing additional pressures on city and district councils through fly-tipping."

A report to the committee said the £440,000 saving target for next year could probably be met by closing all recycling centres on some weekdays and by reducing opening hours across the county but that more cuts would be needed in future years.

Other options being considered include transferring one or more sites to a charitable organisation, or introducing a permit scheme to reduce potential abuse of household waste centres by builders.

Labour spokesman Cllr Ashley Walsh said he was concerned about the impact of the proposals.

He said: "If there is inefficiency in how we run recycling we should be eliminating it but we don't want to impact on the service for taxpayers.

"Councils that have done this in other parts of the country have reported an increase in fly-tipping."

Witchford's recycling centre, located in Grunty Fen Road and which cost around £5 million to build, only opened its doors in 2011.

The facilities, described by council chiefs as "a cathedral of recycling", is fully-covered and even boasts a 'garden roof' that recycles rainwater.

Other household waste recycling centres which could be at risk are in Alconbury, St Neots, Bluntisham, Milton and Thriplow.

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TRIBUTE: Jeremy Reader adds the missing names to the war memorial

Names added to war memorial

A MEMORIAL mason has given his time free of charge to add missing names to Soham's war memorial.

Jeremy Reader, who runs J. K. Memorials, originally planned to add one name to the memorial, in Red Lion Square, but it turned out there were six people who have lost their lives who were not named on it.

All six names have now been added, in a tribute to mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War.

Soham Town Council purchased new chisels for Mr Reader to carry out the work, which he did free of charge.

In February, a Lest We Forget Committee was set up in Soham to organise a unique event to mark the centenary.

The committee is made up of representatives from the Town Council, the Soham branch of the Royal British Legion, Soham Heritage and Tourism and Soham Town Forum, and the event is being held on Sunday, August 3.

As well as the commemorative event, which will be free to attend, an archive will also be established to hold information, photographs and personal memories associated with the war and how Soham and its people lived and worked through the war years.

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Family Announcements

Deaths

ARNOLD
Doreen Mary

Of Littleport, passed away peacefully at Arthur Rank Hospice on Sunday, 6th July, 2014, aged 79 years. Cherished wife of Trevor, loving mum of Elaine, Alan and Ian, devoted nanna to Kelly, Hayley, Stephen, Emma, Aaron, Amy and great-grandchildren Neve, Isla, Georgia and Samuel. Thanksgiving Service to be held at St John's Methodist Church, Littleport, on Thursday, 31st July, 2014 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Macmillan Cancer Support may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambridge. CB7 4HW.

JOHNSON
Carol Kenneth

Sadly passed away at home on Friday, 11th July, 2014 aged 73 years. Loving husband of Claudette and loved dad of Amanda. Funeral service to be held at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Thursday, 24th July at 3.00pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Prostate Cancer Support Association - Anglia Branch or Arthur Rank Hospice Charity - Hospice at Home, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW. Tel: 01353 666566.

Deaths

RUSSELL
Edna Irene
(Tiny)

Formerly of Bedwell Hey, Little Thetford, passed away suddenly, but peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday, 6th July, 2014, aged 80 years. Loving wife of the late Jim Russell, dear mum of Teresa and Rosalind, mother-in-law, grandma and great-grandma. Funeral service to be held at St. George's Church, Little Thetford on Monday, 21st July, 2014, at 2.00pm, followed by interment in Little Thetford Cemetery. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, for Alzheimer's Society, Cambridge and Ely Office, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambridge. CB7 4HW.

WOODRUFF
Dinah

Of Ely, passed away peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Friday, 4th July, 2014, aged 85 years. Reunited with her husband Bob, loving mum of Mick, Carol, Ron, Pam, Sue, Louise, Paul and their families. Funeral Service to be held at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn on Wednesday, 23rd July, 2014, at 1.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for British Heart Foundation, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambridge. CB7 4HW.

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Family Announcements

ON TARGET: Robert Barnes, centre, celebrates after raising £100,000 for Arthur Rank.

Celebrations as Lisa's fund hits £100,000

A LOVING husband, who has spent almost four years fundraising in his wife's memory, has hit his target of £100,000.

Robert Barnes started his quest, in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, after his wife Lisa died of cancer in 2010.

She spent the last week of her life being cared for in the charity's hospice.

His dedication to the Arthur Rank, and to his late wife, has inspired residents across Ely and beyond to get involved in his effort – and help him reach the total.

Mr Barnes, of West Fen Road, celebrated the milestone at The Brook, Soham, on Sunday.

He said: "There's a huge amount of wonderful people out there who have helped me, and I feel privileged to know them. It's been a wonderful journey."

Mr Barnes intends to keep fundraising for the hospice – but has said he will now only take part in about 20 events each year, instead of his usual 80.

He also thanked the companies, both local and beyond, who have helped him throughout his fundraising including Corker's Crisps, Iceni Water, Tesco, Sainsbury's and the Co-Op.

Dr Lynn Morgan, CEO of Arthur Rank thanked Robert for his hard work.

She said: "Robert has been a tireless fundraiser and it is amazing that he has managed not only to raise £100,000 in just four years but he has been a fantastic ambassador for the charity.

"We are tremendously grateful for all the hard work he, and his supporters have put in."

CCTV images released after robbery at bookmakers

LIZZY BUCHAN

A MANHUNT has been launched after a "cowardly and desperate" armed robbery at a bookmakers in Littleport.

The incident took place at about 11.15am on July 6, at S&D bookmakers, in Main Street, but police have only just released information, along with CCTV images of a man they want to trace in connection with the robbery.

The man walked in brandishing what has been described as a black handgun, went to the counter and demanded money from a female member of staff.

He was handed a significant amount of cash in a bag before he fled along High Street towards Hitches Street.

Police believe the robber had gone to the shop about one hour before the crime but was unable to get in because it was closed.

Pc Steve Gilbey, who is investigating, said: "I believe the offender may have spoken to an elderly woman as he was trying the door at just after 10am.

"I would urge her, or anyone else who was in the area at the time, to come forward.

"This was a cowardly and desperate act and a frightening ordeal for the member of staff who was very shaken.

"I would urge anyone who recognises the person in the CCTV or who has any other information about this robbery to get in touch."

Anyone with information should contact Pc Gilbey on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

CCTV: Image released by police

MP joins panel for Question Time

'SHOULD schools have longer days and shorter holidays?'

That was just one of the questions Year 8 students at Ely College put to a panel of community leaders during a special Question Time event.

The event was organised entirely by the pupils as part of their Gifted and Talented Programme.

The panel was chaired by Jamie Waters, who co-ordinates the programme at the college, and included South East Cambridgeshire MP Sir Jim Paice, local businessman Jonathan James, who is also a governor at Soham Village College, Sarah Goodey, Ely College's assistant principal, and Ben Gibbs, the college's chair of governors.

Another issue raised by pupils at the Question Time, which was held at Ely Methodist Church, was the impact of biofuel production on agriculture; something which MP Paice has hit out at recently, insisting that too much land in the Ely area is being taken out of food production.

QUESTION TIME: Sir Jim Paice and local businessman, Jonathan James, were among those on the panel.

Low mortality rates in Ely

JORDAN DAY

MORTALITY rates across the UK are dropping according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) – and the Ely area is leading the way.

The latest Age-Standardised Mortality Rates (ASMRs) for 2001 to 2012, calculated using new population estimates, show that of all local authority areas the greatest percentage decrease over the period for males was in East Cambridgeshire at 40 per cent.

In 2001, the mortality rate in our area was 1443.2 per 100,000 males, falling to 863.3 by 2012. For women, the fall was 13.1 per cent from 768.7 to 667.8 per 100,000.

Meanwhile, for females, Uttlesford came in second in the charts with a 35 per cent fall in the mortality rate – from 1074.3 to 696.9 per 100,000 women.

Elsewhere, in Cambridge city the reduction was less marked, with the rate at 1113.1 per 100,000 persons in 2001 and 966.3 per 100,000 persons in 2012.

Again the fall was larger among males – 17 per cent compared to 12.4 per cent – but the final 2012 rate for females remained lowest.

According to the ONS, mortality rates reflect underlying differences in factors such as income deprivation and health behaviour, such as smoking and drinking alcohol.

Richard Hobbs, chairman of the commercial services committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Over the last 10 years, East Cambridgeshire has grown and developed as more people have moved here in search of a place to set up home, find jobs and enjoy the many aspects of life here.

"We feel we offer many of the characteristics which lead to long life such as excellent public services, the ability to enjoy a good quality of life and a natural landscape which promotes a healthy lifestyle."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Choirs come together for charity

ELY'S popular Sing! choirs are starring in a charity concert on Sunday.

The concert is being held at Tattersalls Sale Ring in The Avenue, Newmarket, and will feature more than 100 singers from the Sing! choirs in Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge. It starts at 2pm, tickets are £10, or £7 for concessions, and all proceeds will go to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Call Kathy on (01353) 662022.

Film society meeting next week

1998 film, 'The Apple', is being screened in Ely on Monday, July 21.

The Ely Film Society screening is taking place at the Old Palace, on Palace Green, at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 668639.

Medieval fun for kids at library

CHILDREN are being invited to let off steam at Soham Library on Saturday.

Soham Heritage and Tourism is holding a medieval themed 'Knights and Ladies' event at the library, in Clay Street. Running from 10am-12pm, there will be crown decorating, painting and a medieval feast for children aged 6-12. The cost is £3 per child, or £5 for two. Visit www.sohamhtg.co.uk.

Barrel of laughs in pub's garden

OLIVER Goldsmith's comedy, 'She Stoops to Conquer', is being performed in Ely next week.

The Ely Amateur Dramatic Society (ADS) is staging the popular play in the gardens of The Prince Albert, in Silver Street, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 24, 25 and 26. Performances are at 7.30pm each night and tickets are £8. Get tickets from Burrows Bookshop in Ely's High Street Passage or call (01353) 669759.

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LA HOGUE GOES "ONLINE" WITH NEW WEB SHOP

One of East Anglia's leading farm shops has launched a new online shop offering home produced and local free range fresh meats and game.

La Hogue Farm Shop & Cafe, at Chippenham Nr Newmarket launched the scheme last week and has already seen a great response.

Owner of La Hogue, Chris Reeks who runs a flock of about 1000 ewes and lambs started producing their own extensively reared grass fed lamb in 2010, since when the demand for it in the farm shop's butchery section has soared.

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Mr Reeks said

"The online facility has basically come about organically as the demand for our home produced lamb and other local free range meats & game has soared.

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YELLOW ELEPHANT: The quirky publicity stunt organised by Riverside Arts

Nelly's on the loose...

A YELLOW elephant is on the loose – but only in order to promote an art exhibition. Riverside Arts are taking part in Cambridge Open Studios, and to publicise their event, members have created a giant, yellow elephant and put it in the telephone box in Prickwillow. Riverside Arts, based at Engine House in White House Road, Little Ouse, is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Call (01353) 676227.

Land trust scheme is approved

JORDAN DAY

PLANS to build 50 new homes and a doctor's surgery in Stretham have been approved.

Back in January the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust (CLT) applied to develop land at Manor Farm, which lies east of Meadowcroft.

As well as the 50 new homes, 15 of which will be 'affordable', the proposals also involve building a doctor's surgery, three starter business units, a 0.24 hectare extension to the village cemetery and 1.08 hectares of new open space.

The plans have now been approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The CLT was set up in 2011 and supported by the district council, Foundation East and both villages' parish councils, its aim is to develop properties which generate income to be reinvested back into the local community.

All properties are protected by a legal 'asset-lock' which means they will remain in the ownership of the local community forever.

The district council has identified CLTs as an effective way to deliver more affordable housing in the Ely area.

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Reunion for college's 1978 leavers

DID you leave Ely College in 1978?

A school reunion is being held and organisers are trying to track down as many former pupils as possible.

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Dial a Ride fights back against cuts

JORDAN DAY

A CHARITY which provides a lifeline for elderly and vulnerable residents in East Cambridgeshire has launched a new fundraising campaign to help safeguard its future.

Ely Soham Dial a Ride has raised more than £1,000 in a matter of weeks thanks to its '10 for 10' campaign, which asks members of the public to donate £10 to help the charity raise the £10,000 it needs to buy an additional minibus.

The organisation, which is based in Witchford but reaches out to residents across the district, has experienced a rough ride in recent months.

Despite protests from its volunteers and users, Cambridgeshire County Council went ahead and axed its funding earlier this year.

Gillian Leeper, CEO of the charity, assured users and staff that all its services were safe for the next 12 months, but warned that the charity's future could be at risk come next April.

In May, the charity was fortunate to receive £10,000 from the Ely Community Trust to help it buy a new 16 seater minibus and replace a vehicle that was no longer roadworthy.

That minibus has now been bought and is on the road, helping elderly, disabled and vulnerable residents get from A to B.

Mrs Leeper hopes the new '10 for 10' campaign will help to further safeguard the future of the charity.

She said: "We are over the moon with the amount of support we are receiving. It's a wonderful boost to morale after the news about cuts to our funding earlier this year.

"We know how essential our services are – and this shows thanks to the wonderful generosity of our members.

"It has given us new momentum to carry on transporting our local community and we'd like to thank everyone for their support.

"Our '10 for 10' campaign has raised over £1,000 in a matter of weeks, which is phenomenal." To support the campaign, call (01353) 661161.

DEDICATED: Farmer James Mellor has been crowned Marks and Spencer's Young Farmer of the Year.

Not just an award, it's an M&S award

A YOUNG farmer from Cambridgeshire has won a prestigious award.

James Mellor, from family-run agricultural business, G's Fresh, based in Barway, was crowned Marks and Spencer's Young Farmer of the Year at the England and Wales 2014 Farming for the Future Awards.

James triumphed in the awards thanks to his dedication to research projects, such as the soil sustainability programme and pest management and crop protection strategies.

He is organic crop manager and conventional celery crop manager at Barways Farms – a role which sees him managing a team of up to 60 people during peak times.

James said: "I'm absolutely delighted. These awards are a true validation of the hard work farmers are putting in right across the country and it's a real honour to have been chosen as this year's winner."

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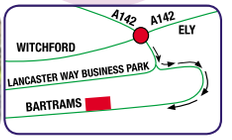

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Heritage centre will open this weekend

THE Adams Heritage Centre Littleport is opening its doors this weekend.

Work on transforming the former JH Adams and Sons ironmongers, in Main Street, into the special heritage centre has been gathering pace in recent months.

Deborah Curtis, one of the trustees, said: "The centre will be Littleport's principal venue for exhibitions and displays, which will highlight all aspects of our village's history.

"Visitors can also look forward to various exciting events featuring a range of fascinating Fenland history and heritage subjects.

"The premises will also be an information point for local and regional events of interest and there will be a wide range of local interest books, as well as exhibitions and sales of Fenland arts and crafts."

JH Adams and Sons closed its doors in 2010 after being in Littleport for more than 100 years.

The special open weekend is being held on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm on both days. For more information, search 'Adams Heritage Centre Littleport' on Facebook.

Come and get fit with free exercise sessions

JORDAN DAY

FREE outdoor fitness classes are being launched in Ely.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is spearheading the first ever 'Active Ely' scheme, which is a free weekly exercise class and summer holiday activity programme being held in Ely Country Park.

The classes are being led by a qualified fitness instructor and are designed for people of all ages and abilities.

The council says the project's goal is to improve East Cambridgeshire residents' fitness and health.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chairman of the council's commercial services committee, said: "Active Ely is going to be a fantastic way to help residents start to get fit and healthy.

"The programme is designed to help people of all ages and abilities to try exercise as individuals or as a family.

"Having taken part in one session already with my fellow councillors, I can heartily recommend the classes and advise anyone going along to say how much fun it can be."

There are a variety of classes, including 'Active Adults' classes for over-18s on Tuesday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm, 'Active 60+' classes on Wednesday mornings from 11.30am-12.30pm, and 'Active Buggy Exercise' sessions for mums and toddlers under the age of 4 on Wednesday mornings from 10-11am.

'Active Families' classes for parents and children aged 6-12 are being held on Saturdays from 10-11am and 'Active Summer Holidays' sessions, which are also for parents and children aged 6-12, are running on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-2pm.

The classes are launching this week and are running throughout the summer holidays. Anyone taking part is encouraged to wear leisure clothing, complete a health questionnaire and parents are not permitted to leave children unattended. All the classes will meet ten minutes before the start at the Lisle Lane entrance to the country park.

For more information about Active Ely, call (01353) 665555.

FIGHTING FIT: Councillors and community leaders, including Ely's Mayor, were able to give the classes a go.

Newsreader returns to Ely to hand out prizes

BBC newsreader and Crimewatch presenter, Matthew Amroliwala, was the guest of honour at the King's Ely Junior Prizegiving service at Ely Cathedral.

The Old Elean, who was a pupil at King's Ely from 1976-81, said he was delighted to "share in the celebrations of such remarkable achievements from all areas of the curriculum and beyond".

Speaking to the Junior pupils, their families and teachers before presenting the awards to the prize-winners, Matthew took the opportunity to encourage the young people to be "determined, aim high and follow a path they enjoy while ensuring they develop into good human beings".

Head of King's Ely Junior, Richard Whymark, said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Matthew back to King's Ely and his speech certainly fuelled the children's aspirations for the future.

"Matthew's encouragement to develop their natural talents and look for opportunities in life that allowed them to work for the benefit of others was inspirational.

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Why brave Archie has had 20 operations by the age of four

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL: Archie Outlaw with mum Kelly

Picture by Keith Heppell

Meet the four-year-old boy who's had 20 operations since birth – including a seven-hour operation to break and rebuild his skull – but is still smiling. When it comes to bravery and determination, Archie Outlaw is proof that age is just a number. **Lydia Fallon** meets him

IN a few months Archie Outlaw will line up at the gates of Burton End Primary School in Haverhill in his shiny new uniform. Bag in hand and smile on face, the four-year-old will be a bundle of excitement as he larks about with his friends.

Mum Kelly, 32, will fill with pride as she watches on; not quite believing the day is finally here – or even that it's come at all.

Twenty operations – including one seven-hour surgery to break and rebuild his skull, a rare genetic syndrome and countless hospital visits ("It's like a second home to him," says Kelly), only tell half the story. Little Archie has battled against the odds his whole life, and for a long time Kelly feared he might never get the chance to experience the kind of things most children would take for granted.

To see him now, a happy, healthy boy without a care in the world, it's clear he's come a very long way. "He's come on leaps and bound and I'm over the moon that he is going to start school," smiles Kelly, cuddling her son. "He still has a long way to go but he is finally discovering what being a four-year-old is all about."

She adds: "Everything that has happened to him he just takes it all in his stride. He will always try his very best and doesn't give in easily, even when he can't do something, he still remains upbeat and keeps smiling."

The Outlaws' story began on May 6, 2010, when Archie – the couple's first child together – was born by caesarean at West Suffolk hospital. Weighing 7lb 14oz, he was a healthy baby and Kelly and her husband Stephen couldn't wait to bring their little boy home. "It's amazing to become a parent," says Kelly, remembering the moment. "It's impossible to imagine what your life was like before; you can't believe this person is part of you."

But their initial joy was short-lived, and it wasn't long before they started to notice something wasn't quite right. It started with a quiet knocking noise which Kelly occasionally heard in Archie's breathing. Doctors said it was micrognathia (also known as small jaw) and told the couple he would be fine in time. But over the next few months Archie's health began to deteriorate further. He was constantly in and out of hospital with a number of different conditions, including chest infections, pneumonia and bronchitis, and doctors eventually diagnosed him with a floppy larynx. It was far from the start they had wanted for their little boy.

At around the same time, Kelly started to notice his head shape was changing too. She was, understandably, extremely worried. "His head was quite long and narrow with a cone- shaped appearance on the top," Kelly explains. "The health assistant told me it was normal; she said it was 'flat head' and some time on his tummy should change it back."

That wasn't the case. Archie's head shape continued to change, becoming more and more noticeable the older he got. Anxious and confused, Kelly found herself constantly putting her son in hats to avoid the stares and questions from other mums. "As he got older, it got worse and you can see how narrow and cone-like his head was," says Kelly, showing a picture on her phone. "It wasn't so bad when he had long hair but when I used to cut it, people would stare because it was so lumpy and bumpy.

"People would ask me what was wrong and I couldn't even explain it; can you imagine not being able to explain your own child's condition?"

It was only when Archie was in hospital for a further respiratory problem that his head condition was finally diagnosed. "The doctor asked us what type of craniosynostosis he had, and we didn't have a clue what he was talking about," explains Kelly. "We were referred to Great Ormond Street Hospital and Archie was given a CT scan and other tests, and then we were told he had sagittal and metopic craniosynostosis."

A birth defect which fuses the skull together, craniosynostosis affects one in every 2,500 children and if left untreated can cause a whole range of problems. It's a condition, Kelly says, which can be misdiagnosed and misunderstood. "It can be seen as cosmetic if it's not causing any problems, but the thing is it can cause serious problems in the future and in some rare cases can be fatal," she says. "It can

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RECOVERY: Archie Outlaw is happier and healthier after undergoing gruelling surgery for his condition

cause problems with hearing, eyesight loss, speech and development delay, breathing, seizures and increased pressure inside the skull causing permanent brain damage."

Fearing the worst, Archie was scheduled to have an operation to fix his skull, but when he was diagnosed with yet another potentially life-threatening condition, it was put on hold. Every day seemed to bring with it a new challenge to overcome. "His breathing hadn't improved and they put a camera down his airway to investigate. This was when Archie was diagnosed with subglottic stenosis and we were told his airway was 50 per cent of the size it should be," says Kelly. "They said this was much too small and he would need surgery to rebuild his windpipe using part of his rib to make it bigger."

Now nearly two, Archie had spent most of his life in and out of hospital. It was, Kelly concedes, a really difficult time. "The worst thing is when you have to take your child down to the anaesthetic room; even now that still gets me. While they are in the operating theatre and afterwards, I can cope with, but just seeing them petrified and trying to fight it, never gets any easier," she says.

How did they stay strong? "It's always really scary, but I guess because he was our first born we didn't really know any different. We were just thrown into it and that was all we knew," Kelly muses. "What good does stressing about things do? It was Archie who was going through it all and keeping him positive, helped keep me positive."

Archie had surgery on his windpipe in 2012, but it didn't go to plan. A few weeks later his windpipe collapsed due to an infection and an emergency tracheostomy had to be fitted. What followed was months of heartache. "It completely changed our lives," Kelly remembers. "We had all these machines fitted in our house and both had to have specialist training on how to save Archie's life; that's the hardest thing, having to learn CPR for your own child.

"Coping with him, as well as yourself, was really difficult, and I had no-one to take over. He was on 100 suctions a day at one point and I had to take him everywhere with me – even the toilet.

"That whole year me and my husband didn't get any time together, we didn't even sleep in the same bed because I had to sleep next to Archie at night. It was really hard; I can't even really explain how hard it was."

Slowly but surely Archie started to get better and was eventually strong enough to have the skull surgery, three years after he was first diagnosed. It was a gruelling seven-hour operation in which surgeons had to break and piece together his skull like a jigsaw, and then burn down the ridge on his forehead.

"It was such a long wait. There were so many risks involved and just a day before the operation we were told that Archie's case was quite unique because the veins in the back of his head were very large and there was a risk they could cut through them. If that had happened it would have been it for Archie. He wouldn't have made it through the operation."

But thankfully the surgery went well, with only a scar revealing the extent of what he'd been through. "He has a zig zag scar across his whole head," says Kelly, as Archie lifts up his hair to show me. "He loves showing people it!"

Four months later, Archie was back in hospital again to have a second operation on his airway. This time it was a success and he was finally able to have his tracheostomy removed. At the same time it was confirmed Archie had a very rare syndrome called frontometaphyseal dysplasia, and it soon became clear this was most likely the cause of his many problems.

The genetic syndrome causes abnormalities in skeletal development and other health issues, and affects just 35 people in the whole world. Doctors discovered Kelly had the syndrome too and had passed it on to Archie, without ever knowing. It must have been a shock to find out? "It was," Kelly sighs. "It's worse in boys than girls so that's why it was never picked up in me.

"I have so far found two families with it. One in America and one in the UK. Archie and the two boys look so alike and the mum in America is the spitting image of me. It was a really strange feeling seeing the pictures; you don't feel like that uniqueness is there anymore."

Search Cranio Ribbons on Facebook to find out more about the condition

Nearly a year on, Archie is now miles better, but with little known about the syndrome, Kelly admits the future is still uncertain. "We just take each day as it comes. Each day is precious, each child is different and every case is unique," Kelly says. "We know there is a big chance his hearing is going to get worse and if he continues to grow so quickly his airway might narrow again. His head could refuse and he still has a feeding tube in his tummy, but we will just wait and see.

"It's amazing that he's managed to get to a point where he can start school; if you'd have seen him three years ago you wouldn't have believed it."

In light of everything they've been through, I wonder if the family's outlook on life has changed? "Definitely," says Kelly, without hesitation. "We no longer worry over silly things and it's shown me how much I can give to others. I've always been a helpful person but I have never known just how much support I can give. I can be the mum Archie needs and still support other parents too."

The support Kelly speaks of is her Facebook group Cranio Ribbons. She was inspired to set it up after discovering a lack of awareness and support for parents of children with craniosynostosis. She's raised thousands of pounds for charity, and it has, she says, given her strength during the toughest of times. "It keeps me going; I want to be strong for the other parents and it gives me the motivation to stay positive and pass that on."

But it's Archie, Kelly says, who is – and always will be – her biggest inspiration. "He's such a cheeky little boy, so caring and loving," she smiles. "In hospital he takes toys to the other children and if he sees them crying he will go and give them a tissue.

"I'm so proud of how he hasn't let any of it affect him; he just carries on as normal, taking it all in his stride. He's an amazing, inspiring boy."

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Mango Valley: Indian *and* Chinese fare

IF you are a fan of both Indian and Chinese cuisine, and sometimes find it hard to decide between the two, then Mango Valley in Stretham is the perfect place for you.

Opened in April by the Mayor of Ely, this popular new restaurant offers you a great choice of both styles of food so whether you are a fan of Indian delights or prefer Chinese classics as well as something English for the kids, you're guaranteed to be satisfied.

Manager Aktar Reza has worked diligently to develop the Asian all-you-can-eat dining experience at Mango Valley and Mr Reza, who has forged a career in the restaurant industry spanning 25 years, strongly believes that the Mango Valley vision will be loved in the local area.

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He had this to say about his new venture:

"I want to offer the local people of Ely and surrounding areas something which they will love to experience time and again. A taste of all the favourites dishes, an excellent family-friendly atmosphere and entertainment all under one roof. And most importantly, I want my customers to feel like that they have received all of that, as well as good value for money and a warm reception."

The venue not only offers a wonderful selection on its exotic menu, but it also has a unique and distinguishing setup. From Monday to Thursday, you can create your own menu from a range of over 200 Chinese and Indian dishes, all for a single price per head and you will receive your food freshly cooked to order with full table service.

From Friday to Sunday the Mango Valley Grand Buffet is on offer, where you can help yourself to your favourite dishes, and also order your favourites from the table menu to complete your dining experience, again, all for a fixed price per head.

The Mango Valley offering demonstrates that value for money whilst dining out doesn't mean that quality will be compromised, something which the management are keen to emphasise. Alongside the high quality, value for money ethos of the place, be sure to also keep an eye out for some really enjoyable live entertainment such as the locally renowned Rocker Sal Elvis tribute act, the Shadow of Michael Jackson show as well as much more.

Just like your current favourite Indian and Chinese restaurants, you can choose to dine in, enjoying the fully licensed bar and welcoming atmosphere, or to take away and enjoy in the comfort of your own home. There is also a local home delivery option available as well.

To dine in, it is a set price of just £7.95 for an all you can eat adult meal including dessert at lunch time (12 to 2.30pm), or a mere £11.95 in the evenings from 6pm to 11pm (Sunday to Thursday).

It is £13.95 for a Friday or Saturday night weekend treat and the prices are even cheaper for the under 10s, and children under three eat for free making it a perfect outing for the family.

Finally it deserves a mention that with a recent refurbishment of the property, and a proprietor whose experience spans a quarter of a century in the restaurant industry, you can have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that the restaurant has been given a respectable Food Standards Agency three star hygiene rating, allowing the whole family to really relish their meal.

To book a table, or to order a takeaway for collection or delivery, contact Mango Valley's friendly staff by ringing (01353) 649341 or 648453, or visit them in Cambridge Road, Stretham, CB6 3LU.

For a taster of the exciting takeaway menu and delicious treats that you will have in store when you visit, check out *mangovalley.co.uk,* or find them on Facebook by searching "Mango Valley Ely".

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MANGO VALLEY: Mayor of Ely with manager Aktar Reza

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wississippi Jazzmen in concert

THE Wississippi Jazzmen are coming to Ely on Sunday.

They will be performing at the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens as part of the city council's Summer Riverside Concerts programme. The concert starts at 2.30pm and is free.

It's time to dance in Prickwillow

STUART Burr is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance in Prickwillow on Saturday.

The event is being held at the Hiam Sports and Social Club, in Putney Hill Road. Call (01353) 688269.

Free concert at cathedral today

FLAMENCO guitarist Samual Moore is performing at Ely Cathedral today.

The concert, which is free, is being held in the Lady Chapel at 1.10pm.

Theatre group's double whammy

DRACULA Revived is being staged in Wilburton.

Wilburton Theatre Group is performing the Mick Newbold play at St Peter's Hall. There will also be a youth play, The Exam, by Andy Hamilton.

Performances are being held tomorrow and Saturday, at 7.30pm on both nights. Tickets are £8 for adults and £6 for concessions. Call (01353) 740321.

Join group on a walk around Ely

JOIN the East Cambs Ramblers on a walk around Ely.

The three-mile circular walk, via Roswell Pits, is being held on Thursday, July 24. People should meet at the Cutter Inn, in Annesdale, at 7pm.

Local film is ready for its premiere

JORDAN DAY

A COMMUNITY heritage film which focuses on the Ely area is now being premiered.

Rich Soil Rich Heritage, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is a community heritage project which has examined how East Cambridgeshire has been influenced by the many people of different nationalities who have come to the area to work.

From 17th century Dutch drainage engineers to Second World War German and Italian Prisoners of War and Polish fighter pilots, the project and the film created as part of it, looks at how their work has helped shape the area.

Everyone in the film lives locally and it features babies to people in their nineties.

Hetti Wood, co-ordinator of the project, said: "So many different people have come to our area for many different reasons but one thing links most of them – work.

"Locations we used included Ely city centre, Ely Golf Club, Oliver Cromwell House, Earith, Sutton Gault, Witcham, Bottisham, Soham and Prickwillow."

The film is being shown, free of charge, and will be accompanied by an exhibition about the project.

The film and exhibition will be at: Witcham Village Hall on Wednesday, July 23 at 7pm, Burwell House on Thursday, July 24 at 7pm, Littleport Village Hall on Saturday, July 26 at 2pm, and the Performing Arts Centre at Soham Village College on Sunday, July 27 at 2pm.

For more information, call (01353) 722228 or visit www.richsoilrichheritage.org.uk.

HERITAGE PROJECT: The film was made using locations across East Cambridgeshire.

Grants up for grabs for local charities

CHARITIES and voluntary groups which assist people in the Ely area are being given the chance to secure some funding.

The City of Ely Council has a small budget which is allocated for grants each year – and applications for the next round of funding are now being taken.

A spokeswoman for the council said: "Applications are invited from local voluntary and charitable organisations that provide a service which benefits the parishioners of the city of Ely.

"This includes Ely and the villages of Prickwillow, Stuntney, Chettisham, Queen Adelaide and Shippea Hill.

"If you feel your organisation qualifies for a grant, you should contact the clerk to obtain an application form."

The closing date for applications is 10am on the August 28.

To obtain an application form, call (01353) 661016 or visit the city council offices at 72, Market Street, Ely.

Alternatively, download the form by visiting www.cityofelycouncil.org.uk.

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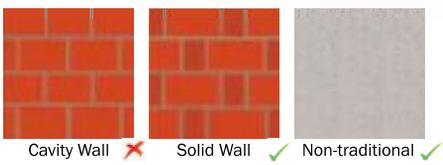

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Opticians' new service

JORDAN DAY

AN opticians in Ely has launched a new online designer outlet service.

The new Click and Collect service at Scrivens Opticians, in Buttermarket, off Market Place, allows people to reserve a pair of designer frames from over 200 options, for a small £10 refundable reservation fee.

Vicky Knight-Smith, branch manager, said: "We are a small, community optician with a limited range of designer frames on display.

"However, with Click and Collect we can extend our shop floor and offer customers a 'try before you buy' service.

"The designer collection has been carefully handpicked from Scrivens' most popular styles including brands such as Guess, Gucci, Ted Baker and Superdry.

"Our research shows that most customers don't want to buy designer frames online without trying them on first in a branch setting, with trained advisers on hand to offer guidance.

"Click and Collect offers the ideal solution, so that for a small, fully refundable fee our customers can choose as many frames as they desire and get them sent to our branch to try before they buy."

The service includes frames for women, men, children as well as lenses and sunglasses which can be accessed from www.scrivensopticians.com.

Scrivens Opticians and Hearing Care was established 75 years ago and has 171 stores nationwide.

PET STORE: Owner, Piers Smart, and his dogs pictured outside Scampers.

Scampers introduces carrier bag charge

A PET shop has introduced a charge for the use of carrier bags to help reduce its carbon footprint – and raise funds for a local charity.

Scampers Natural Pet Store in Soham is now charging 5p for carrier bags, which will go directly to the Liam Fairhurst Foundation – the charity set up in memory of the Soham teenager.

Piers Smart, who owns Scampers, said: "We feel that plastic bag usage needs to be urgently reduced and we are certain that our customers will agree that we all have our part to play.

"From July we will be charging 5p for carrier bags (although we would rather not have any at all) which will go directly into the foundation's charity boxes."

Accounts firm sets up new IT arm

ELY-based accountants and business advisers, Whiting & Partners (W & P), has taken over a Milton Keynes information technology business, Decisive IT.

Trading as Pete Stevens Ltd, Decisive IT and W & P have worked together for more than 15 years reciprocating business support services from technical aid to staff cover as and when required.

Ian Piper, of W & P, said: "The time is right to formalise the links between the two companies and create a new IT division.

"It helps us to meet a growing demand at the same dovetailing into our long term plans to increase our provision of more holistic business support and advisory services to our clients."

Christopher Haydon, W&P's IT manager becomes technical services manager with the new company. Visit www.whitingandpartners.co.uk

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the GUIDE

Cambridge Summer Music Festival

ALL THAT JAZZ: Jacqui Dankworth headlines the Mayor's Concert

Friday, July 18 – Saturday, August 7 at various times and venues. Tickets from (01223) 357851 / *cornex.co.uk*.

FRIDAY, July 18 will see the Cambridge Summer Music Festival's launch event take place at the University Church of St Mary's the Great, starring the dynamic Anglo-Irish Carducci String Quartet, who have electrified audiences worldwide with their thrilling playing.

They'll perform their interpretation of two towering masterpieces from the quartet repertoire by Beethoven and Shostakovich, and will be joined by young clarinettist Timothy Orpen, for Mozart's Clarinet Quintet.

This year the festival is marking the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, taking as its theme 'brief lives', featuring works by many composers and poets whose lives were affected by the Great War. The reflective tone is set by pianist Maria Marchant in her solo recital 'Conflict and Memories' in a programme including Ravel's *Le tombeau de Couperin* – each movement is dedicated to a friend of the composer who was a war casualty. Also included are Debussy's *Berceuse héroique* (1914), which includes bugle fanfares calling soldiers to war, and his *Élégie* (1915), paying tribute to the women's war effort.

On the first Sunday, the Festival Chorus concert welcomes singers from across East Anglia to perform at King's College Chapel under international choral conductor John Rutter. Fauré's exquisite *Requiem* is the main item in the programme, which also features Vaughan Williams' other-worldly *Serenade to Music*, written just before the outbreak of Second World War, as well as Barber's *Adagio*.

English baritone Roderick Williams and pianist Gary Matthewman present a recital of work by composers and poets whose lives were touched – and in some cases destroyed – by the First World War: composers such as Elgar, Butterworth and Gurney; poets such as Rupert Brooke and Wilfred Owen.

The concert explores contrasting themes, from the so-called 'nobility' of war, to the horror of life in the trenches. Among the works performed are Butterworth's poignant setting of A E Housman's cycle of poems *A Shropshire Lad*, made all the more affecting by the fact Butterworth was himself killed in action in France.

Brooke, who died in Greece en route to Gallipoli in 1915, was an undergraduate at King's College and lodged for a time in Grantchester, where he wrote his famous poem *The Old Vicarage, Grantchester*. An illustrated talk about the poet will be given by Dame Mary Archer, who currently lives in the Old Vicarage.

The festival also boasts an impressive line-up of stellar names, such as pianist Joanna MacGregor, playing the complete *Goldberg Variations* by JS Bach, as well as arguably the world's greatest oboist (and former BBC Young Musician of the Year) Nicholas Daniel, who brings his Haffner Wind Octet to play classical works by Schubert, Beethoven, Hummel and Mozart, alongside a contemporary piece by Jonathan Dove.

Other top ensembles include festival favourites, the Aurora Orchestra, joined by Thomas Gould's new group Man Overboard, specialists in music from the sparkling swing era of the 1920s and 30s.

Another highlight of the first week will be the Mayor's Concert, given by jazz singer Jacqui Dankworth and friends. In a very special and intimate evening, Jacqui offers a selection of songs from her highly-praised album *Live to Love*, plus new material.

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Latitude Festival

DAMON ALBARN

■ Latitude Festival, Henham Park, Southwold, Thursday, July 17, to Sunday, July 20. Full weekend camping tickets £195.50 (including booking fee) from *latitudefestival.seetickets.com*.

WE'RE off to Latitude next weekend, are you? If not, you might want to sort that out – it's going to be amazing, and it's right on our doorstep.

The grown-up, cultural answer to the muddy, cider-fuelled festivals of rote (although there will be mud, and, um cider), here are our top seven things to do. Really though, as long as you catch Haim's set, you'll be fine, more than fine; "utterly and blissfully happy" sounds about right.

Dance – a lot

From indie headliners Two Door Cinema Club to the rockier Black Keys and Brit-pop legend Damon Albarn, it doesn't get much better. Cambridge's very own Clean Bandit will open for Scandi star Lykke Li on the BBC 6 Music stage, while the likes of Kelis, Bombay Bicycle Club, Robyn & Royksopp, Haim, Young Fathers and Radio One favourite George Ezra will have you merrily thrashing around too.

Get there early

Skip out of work early and make sure you arrive at the site on Thursday night in time for a water parade show on the lake. Directed by Bruno Schnebelin, we've been promised surreal floating installations including Dali-esque horses, jousting knights mounted on petals, a flaming apocalyptic angel and a giant gliding Lady of the Lake. It should be a pretty spectacular start to the festival.

Support our poets

The brilliant, Cambridge-based spoken word artist Hollie McNish is so amazing these days that Latitude's organisers have billed her alongside the likes of Scroobius Pip, and above Michael Rosen! Pop along if you want to hear her spouting perfectly formed, absolute sense. Also, don't miss Peterborough's poet laureate, former teacher and suit-wearing rap battler Mark Grist. Hollie's a big fan, as are we.

Have a right laugh

If you weren't lucky enough to grab a ticket to Simon Amstell's Cambridge Comedy Festival gig (next Thursday), you'll be able to spot him, tangle haired and gangly limbed on the comedy stage with fellow big hitters Dara O'Briain and Kevin Bridges. Others to watch out for? Doc Brown and Henning Wehn – there'll be laughs a-plenty.

Don't be afraid of the theatre tent

Especially as Cambridge's very own Tim Key has swapped his usual comedy stage appearance for it. We're told he'll "climb into his poetry clothes and loll against his mic stand for an hour or so, gazing dead-eyed at the ladies, reciting verse and doing basic talking". No doubt it'll be magnificent. Jack Dee's Help Desk (featuring Seann Walsh) is almost certainly worth a visit too. Remember to bring along all your problems; do not leave them at the door.

Eat everything

There are of course your standard greasy burger vans and donut stands, but Latitude is dangerously foodie too. Giant burritos, artisan, stone-fired pizzas dripping in mozzarella and scattered with coriander (coriander, at a festival?!), halloumi and chorizo burgers, soft buns stuffed with hog roast and apple sauce, wild boar burgers, ice cream, fish and chips, jacket potatoes, churros, nachos, sweet and sour chicken, smoothies, and so much falafel. You could basically eat your way through the weekend, not see a single band and still leave happy. Fat, but happy.

Go exploring

Last year we stumbled across a 90s cheese disco complete with the Spice Girls on a loop and giant balloons filling the air; there was also a worrying cabaret act involving fire, chainsaws and a metal bustier, the most energetic, hysterical miming drag act that had us dancing until the sun came up, a tree filled with Barbie dolls and a metal shack dotted with swings and a documentary about snail sex playing. Basically, you don't know what you might stumble across – you can just guarantee it'll be madly beautiful and utterly surprising.

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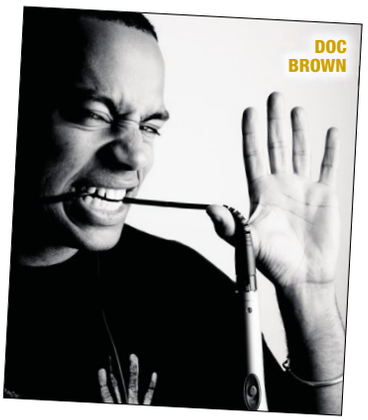
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film of the week

DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

certificate 12A, 2h10m

BLENDING state-of-the-art special effects with an intelligent script, *Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes* conjures two hours of animal magic that looks set to be crowned king of the blockbuster swingers.

Tim Burton's abortive *Planet Of The Apes* is now a distant memory thanks to the 2011 revamp *Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes* and this superior sequel, which pushes the art of motion-capture performance to new limits.

Andy Serkis' exemplary work as Caesar, the super-intelligent chimpanzee who leads the ape uprising, is the film's emotional heartbeat.

His ability to convey the character's rage, despair and passion through movement and subtle gesture is breathtaking.

Toby Kebbell is also compelling as Caesar's war-mongering rival, who believes the key to his species' survival is the extermination of humans.

Mark Bomback, Rick Jaffa and Amanda Silver's script elegantly draws parallels between the feuding primates, juxtaposing tender scenes of parenting with bruising skirmishes that create divisions on both sides.

Ten winters have passed since simian flu ravaged the globe. In the absence of law and order, basic resources such as water, food and electricity are dangerously depleted.

One-time military man Dreyfus (Gary Oldman), who lost his entire family to the virus, leads survivors of the ALZ-113 virus in San Francisco.

He despatches a team led by family man Malcolm (Jason Clarke) to access the O'Shaughnessy Dam, which provides the city with electricity.

In the forest that envelops the dam, the scouting party encounters apes led by Caesar, including his ambitious second-in-command Koba (Kebbell), impetuous son Blue Eyes (Nick Thurston) and Bornean orangutan Maurice (Karin Konoval).

Malcolm's trigger-happy compatriot Carver (Kirk Acevedo) shoots one of the apes and the humans are banished to their stronghold.

Once Dreyfus learns about the neighbouring ape community, he asks Malcolm and co to refrain from telling the other survivors.

Malcolm realises that he must earn Caesar's trust to gain access to the dam so he prepares to return to the forest with wife Ellie (Keri Russell) and teenage son Alexander (Kodi Smith-McPhee).

***Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes* is a slick thrill ride with brains as well as brawn.**

The grim mood, which permeates the first half, leads to all-guns-blazing war and director Reeves orchestrates these brutal sequences with elan.

Digital effects are jaw-dropping, giving birth to a realistic army of blood-thirsty apes who cram every chaotic, blood-spattered frame.

The film's strong anti-gun message comes through loud and clear, but the appetite for destruction overpowers diplomacy.

"I always think ape better than humans," laments Caesar as his dream of lasting peace founders. "I see now how like them we are."

Look out for butterflies

SINCE creating a meadow area in his own back garden three years ago, Sir David Attenborough has enjoyed an influx of wildlife and is this year hoping to see a wide range of butterflies visiting it.

"I have an area of meadow turf with a mown lawn walkway which winds its way through it and I see a number of different butterflies – meadow browns, cabbage whites and occasionally tortoiseshells. I haven't seen a red admiral for a number of years though, but I used to."

by Hannah Stephenson

As president of the charity Butterfly Conservation, Sir David, pictured, will be taking part in this year's Big Butterfly Count, in which members of the public are asked to report sightings to give the charity a clearer picture of the nation's butterflies. This, in turn, gives us a view of the state of the countryside as a whole.

Garden favourite the small tortoiseshell enjoyed its best year for a decade last summer, while peacocks, small and large white also had good years, but migrants including red admirals and painted lady struggled.

"The count helps us a great deal," says Sir David. "It provides a recognition chart from a scientifically accurate, huge army of observers whose results can give you all kinds of important information.

"What we know is that last year was a good year for butterflies in that a lot of species came back or increased in numbers, but the decline in British butterflies is still going on. Last year was an optimistic blip."

Three quarters of the UK's butterflies are in decline and one third are in danger of extinction, according to the charity.

"This is bad news for butterflies and it is bad news for the UK's birds, bees, bats and other wildlife. Butterflies are a key indicator species of the health of our environment – if they are struggling, then many other species are struggling also," says Sir David.

"Butterflies are pollinators, pollinating the countryside. To have pollinators in the countryside means you have a healthy and renewing countryside. If you lose them, you will lose a great deal."

Butterfly numbers have declined because the numbers of wild places left in the countryside have diminished as agriculture has become more efficient, he says.

"But if you put together all our suburban gardens, they form a huge area in the British landscape and they can help replace those wild places that agriculture has taken over."

He says gardeners can all do their bit to help butterflies. "Gardeners can take a small patch of their cultivated, cosseted garden to go wild. You may not like nettles or brambles, but they provide food for quite a range of butterflies."

Plants including buddleia, Verbena bonariensis, lavender, perennial wallflowers and marjoram are all magnets for butterflies. Other plants which attract them include hebes, Michaelmas daisies, cosmos, phlox, pinks and heleniums.

Choose sunny, sheltered spots to plant nectar-rich flowers and try to provide flowers right through the butterfly season. Spring flowers are vital for butterflies coming out of hibernation while autumn flowers help butterflies build up their reserves for winter.

UK butterflies rallied last summer following their worst year on record but numbers were still below average.

Dr Tom Brereton, head of monitoring at Butterfly Conservation, says: "The recovery of butterflies in 2013 was highly welcome but there is still a long way to go before butterflies return to former glories.

"Our ongoing monitoring efforts will be vital in assessing whether we are on track to reverse butterfly declines and rebuild a healthy countryside."

- The Big Butterfly Count runs from Saturday, July 19 to Sunday, August 10. For information and help with identifying butterfly types visit *www.bigbutterflycount.org*.

puzzles

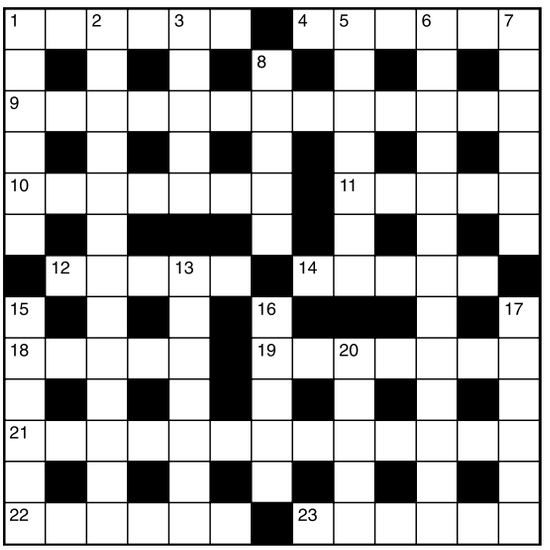
crossword

ACROSS

1. Collision causes one politician to do something (6)
4. Raps for seeking entry (6)
9. Using it can drive one round the bend! (8-5)
10. Decline to fall asleep (4,3)
11. Avoid bad duel with egghead (5)
12. Love to make fuss about ... (5)
14. ... plane crash in mountain state (5)
18. Their house can never be peerless (5)
19. Eric and Len take their ease (7)
21. His work should make the outlook clearer (6-7)
22. Is very afraid of adders (6)
23. Where animals can watch the show? (6)

DOWN

1. Selected for the team and so off the streets (6)
2. Can need proper order for greater weight (13)
3. Inquisitive? Not us! It's an unusual object (5)
5. In this place at present, yet in no place at all (7)
6. Mistaken idea: no cut in fuel in mixed classes (13)
7. He puts money by - about a pound - for tray (6)
8. Make one in the long run if young at heart (5)
13. Answer some of the correspondence (7)
15. Being spoilt, little Alfred was up to getting married (6)
16. Deception in card game? (5)
17. Lovers' suit? (6)
20. Divided the 100 remaining (5)



Last week's answers: Across: 1 Picture-books; 7 Sharp; 8 Skate; 9 Sea; 10 Dispenser; 11 Theory; 12 Aboard; 15 Abandoned; 17 Arc; 18 Heave; 19 Green; 21 Newspaper-man. Down: 1 Press attache; 2 Una; 3 Expose; 4 Oyster-bed; 5 Keats; 6 Reproduction; 7 Shade; 10 Dark deeds; 13 Again; 14 Enigma; 16 Amaze; 20 Eye.

sudoku

	1			2	3		9	
		5				3		
3		6	8		4			2
		8				6		3
	4		3		6		5	
		3		5		1		
5			4		9			7
		9				2	6	
	6	4		7			3	

Last week's answer:

3	9	1	2	4	6	8	5	7
4	6	8	9	5	7	1	2	3
2	7	5	3	8	1	9	4	6
8	1	7	4	6	5	3	9	2
5	3	2	7	9	8	6	1	4
6	4	9	1	3	2	5	7	8
1	2	6	8	7	9	4	3	5
7	5	4	6	1	3	2	8	9
9	8	3	5	2	4	7	6	1

niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

4792 gives a French town
61669 gives a second French town
835632 gives a third French town

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the GUIDE

weekend television

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Golf: The Open Championship. Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. **12.00pm BBC News;** Weather. **12.10 Golf: The Open Championship.** Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. **5.25 Formula 1: German Grand Prix – Qualifying.**

6.40 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **A Question of Sport: Super Saturday.** With Pixie Lott, Helen Skelton, Terry Alderton and Adil Ray.

7.40 **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete to play for a cash prize.

8.30 **Live at Edinburgh Castle.** Alex Jones presents this concert to celebrate the Commonwealth Games, featuring Kaiser Chiefs, Smokey Robinson, Culture Club, Paloma Faith, Katherine Jenkins and OneRepublic.

10.30 **BBC News;** Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.50 **FILM: Shanghai Knights (2003).** Martial arts comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.

12.35am Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.10 FILM: The Falcon Takes Over (1942). Murder mystery, starring George Sanders. **7.15 FILM: The Falcon's Brother (1942).** Thriller, starring George Sanders and Tom Conway. **8.15 The Living Planet. 9.10 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. 9.40 Great British Railway Journeys. 10.10 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.40 Food & Drink. 12.10pm Rick Stein's Spain. 1.10 Peter O'Toole: Talking Pictures. 2.00 FILM: Becket (1964).** Historical drama, starring Richard Burton. **4.25 Hive Alive. 5.25 Golf: The Open Championship.** Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.

7.45 **Flog It!** The team heads to Tatton Park in Cheshire.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** The platoon responds to a cricket challenge.

9.00 **The Men Who Made Us Spend.** Jacques Peretti examines how fear is a powerful driver of consumerism, meeting experts who have helped manufacturers make money from people's anxieties and insecurities.

10.00 **FILM: Zodiac: The Director's Cut (2007).** Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

12.35am FILM: Keeping Up with the Steins (2006). Comedy drama, starring Daryl Sabara. **2.00 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Sailors. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.30 Storage Hoarders. 12.30pm All Star Mr & Mrs. 1.30 Dinner Date. 2.30 All Star Family Fortunes. 3.15 FILM: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989).** Time-travel comedy, starring Keanu Reeves. **5.00 FILM: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004).** Comedy adventure, with Sarah Michelle Gellar.

6.35 **ITV News Anglia;** Weather.

6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**

7.00 **You've Been Framed!** Comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos.

7.30 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Lorraine Kelly, Phil Tufnell and Ryan Thomas play for charity.

8.30 **FILM: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999).** Two Jedi Knights are sent on a mission to protect a queen whose planet has been invaded, and meet a boy with a sinister destiny. Sci-fi prequel, with Liam Neeson.

11.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.

11.15 **FILM: Ocean's Eleven (2001).** Crime comedy, starring George Clooney.

1.30am Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05am The Hoobs. 6.30 Trans World Sport. 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasier. 10.05 Deal or No Deal. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00pm The Simpsons. 12.30 The Tomorrow People. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Market Rasen. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.**

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.05 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke joins Keith McIntyre and his wife Sheena as they seek to convert a listed church on the Outer Hebridean island of Berneray into a holiday home and artists' retreat.

8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Mimi and Andre d'Costa, who have moved to Kent to bring up their two children and hope to build a house that blends in with the landscape.

9.00 **FILM: Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011).** Premiere. A genetically engineered chimpanzee develops superior intelligence and leads other apes against the human race. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco.

11.00 **FILM: Predator 2 (1990).** Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover.

1.05am Utopia. 3.05 Hollyoaks. 5.15 River Cottage Veg.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.10 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. 11.10 Big Brother: Eviction. 12.40pm Criminals: Caught on Camera. 1.05 NCIS: The Port-to-Po Killer. 3.05 FILM: Hell Boats (1970) Second World War drama, starring James Franciscus. **4.55 FILM: Operation Pacific (1951).** Adventure starring John Wayne.

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v India.

7.55 **5 News Weekend.**

8.00 **Holiday Love Rats Exposed.** Documentary telling the stories of Brits who have been conned ou of tens of thousands of pounds and left broken-hearted by people preying on single holiday-makers looking for love.

9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-u of highlights.

10.00 **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** Roma people w moved to the UK.

11.00 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Psychological analysis of the housemate behaviour.

12.00am SuperCasino. 3.10 Webca Girls: At Your Service. 4.00 Great Scientists. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 T Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.30 The Funk Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.

Live at Edinburgh Castle, Saturday, BBC1, 8.30pm

Tipping Point: Lucky Stars, Saturday, ITV, 7.30pm

The Mill, Sunday, Channel 4, 8pm

Dragons' Den, Sunday, BBC2, 8.30pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Fast Tales. 11.30 Golf: The Open Championship. Continued live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. **12.00pm BBC News. 12.10 Golf: The Open Championship.** The conclusion of the Major from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake.

7.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

7.20 **Countryfile.** John Craven celebrates 25 years on the show.

8.10 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team pay a second visit to Wentworth Woodhouse, where items include a bible that belonged to one of the first black professional footballers. Postponed from July 6.

9.10 **Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth.** A journey through some of the Commonwealth's natural beauty spots.

10.10 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.35 **Murdered by My Boyfriend.** Drama, starring Georgina Campbell and Royce Pierreson.

11.35 **FILM: The Greatest Game Ever Played (2005).** Drama, with Shia LaBeouf.

1.30am Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.40 FILM: A Walk in the Sun (1945). Adventure, with Dana Andrews. **8.30 Monty Don's French Gardens. 9.30 Countryfile. 10.30 Golf: The Open Championship.** Live coverage from Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. **11.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 1.00pm Rick Stein's Spain. 2.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets. 2.30 Escape to the Country. 3.30 Lifeline. 3.40 Songs of Praise. 4.15 FILM: Grand Prix (1966).** Motor racing drama, starring James Garner.

7.00 **Formula 1: German Grand Prix Highlights.** Suzi Perry presents action from the 10th round of the season, which was staged at the Hockenheimring for the first time since 2012.

8.30 **Dragons' Den.** New series. Evan Davis presents the return of the business ideas contest, with Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Duncan Bannatyne, Kelly Hoppen and Piers Linney evaluating pitches.

9.30 **The Lancaster: Britain's Flying Past.** John Sergeant examines the history of the bomber.

10.30 **Mock the Week.**

11.00 **FILM: The Quiet American (2002).** Drama, starring Michael Caine.

12.35am Sign Zone: Countryfile. 1.30 Sign Zone: Holby City. 2.30 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.20 ITV News. 11.30 Love Your Garden. 12.30pm Long Lost Family. 1.35 FILM: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973). 3.35 Midsomer Murders. 5.30 Tipping Point.

6.30 **ITV News Anglia;** Weather.

6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**

7.00 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

8.00 **Foyle's War.** MI5 suspects Britain's atomic research programme has been infiltrated and recruits Foyle to investigate a Soviet spy ring that could be at work in London.

10.00 **ITV News and Weather.**

10.15 **Testing Britain's Worst Drivers: Crash Course.** Dreadful drivers face the consequences of their motoring habits.

11.15 **The Cube.** Teresa from Newcastle and family man Alan take part.

12.10am The Store. 2.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.10 Motorsport UK. 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.15 Britain's Best Bakery. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.10am The Hoobs. 7.00 FIM World Superbike Championship. 7.30 British GT Championship. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.55 Frasier. 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 1.30pm Anniversary Games. Coverage of the athletics meeting in central London. **4.05 Couples Come Dine with Me. 5.10 Channel 4 News. 5.40 FILM: Hugo (2011).** Family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield.

8.00 **The Mill.** The workers fear the arrival of impoverished families from the South will drive down everyone's wages, and the impact of new legislation hits home for apprentice Esther.

9.00 **Child Genius.** New series. In the first stage of the competition to find the UK's brightest young mind, the gifted contenders face two gruelling rounds – advanced maths and memory recall.

10.00 **FILM: Love & Other Drugs (2010).** A cynical womanising sales rep for a pharmaceutical company falls in love with a waitress with Parkinson's disease. Romantic comedy drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal.

12.10am The Million Pound Drop. 1.05 FILM: Lady Chatterley (2006). 3.55 River Cottage Veg. 4.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. 5.05 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Megaforce. 11.05 Meerkat Manor. 11.30 Access. 11.35 Big Brother. 12.35pm FILM: Click (200 Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **2.4 FILM: Lost in Space (1998).** Sci-fi adventure, starring William Hurt. **5.1 FILM: Big Momma's House (2000).** Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day of the Second Test at Lord's, as the five-match series continued.

7.55 **5 News Weekend.**

8.00 **My Child Is a Monkey.** Th stories of Americans who have adopted monkeys ar integrated the animals into their families, treating the not as pets, but as childre

9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, diary room visi and bedroom chit-chat.

10.00 **FILM: The Book of Eli (2010).** Action adventure, starring Denzel Washingto

12.15am Gangs & Guns: Caught on Camera. 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Super Skyscrapers: Shanghai Towe 4.00 Great Scientists. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Roary th Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.

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NEW

Littleport £495,000

Situated on the edge of this popular Fenland Town with grounds extending to approx 3 1/3rd acres & includes a small fishing lake wildlife area. Main house with entrance hallway, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, 3 reception rooms, kitchen, cloakroom & conservatory. There is also a double garage & timber storage buildings. EPR D.

NEW

Ely £209,950

Situated in a highly regarded City location, this 2 bedroom terraced home is well located allowing easy access to the many City amenities and mainline railway station. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and mature garden. The property also benefits from double glazing. EPR TBC.

NEW

Littleport £475,000

A highly individual, extremely versatile, detached house adjacent to the River Great Ouse with its own mooring (67ft). Currently offers kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge, 2 gf reception rooms/bedrooms, bathroom, ff master bedroom & ensuite. Divided into 2 separate living areas with a ff floor lounge with balcony, kitchen, bedroom & bathroom. Double garage, parking, gardens. EPR TBC.

NEW

Ely £385,000

A superbly presented 3-storey townhouse overlooking an attractive green in a highly regarded central City location close to the River Great Ouse & mainline station. Entrance hallway, cloakroom, study, kitchen/dining room, first floor lounge, 3 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, superb rear garden, single garage & off road parking. EPR TBC.

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CAMBRIDGE **ELY** HAVERHILL NEWMARKET SAFFRON WALDEN ST IVES LONDON

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Ely £269,995

A modern detached family home on this popular residential development, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, single garage, off road parking for one car, gardens to front and rear. EPR C.

Ely £184,950

Situated on the established Beeches development, this extended end of terraced property is conveniently located for Ely city centre. Accommodation includes entrance porch, lounge, separate dining room / family room, cloakroom, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and gardens. EPR TBC.

Ely £230,000

A superbly presented end of terrace property situated on the edge of a modern City development with entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, open plan lounge plus dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, superb size rear garden, off road parking. The property benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. EPR TBC.

Sutton £279,950

Situated on the edge of this highly regarded village, this individual detached family home has accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), parking, garage and gardens. EPR TBC.

Littleport £244950

Summary Situated on this popular residential development within the village of Littleport, this 3 storey end of terrace townhouse briefly comprises of: entrance hallway, kitchen / breakfast room, utility room, l-shaped lounge, 4 bedrooms (2 with ensuite), family bathroom, open backed single garage, off road parking and gardens. No upward chain. EPR C.

Sutton £200,000

A recently renovated semi detached property situated on a generous plot with accommodation briefly comprising entrance hallway, utility area, cloakroom, 22' kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fully enclosed rear garden, double garage, off road parking. No upward chain. EPR C.

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Ely £650,000

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Ely £425,000

Situated in a prestigious city location this charming house has much appeal, character & enormous potential. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, study/bedroom, rear lobby, cloakroom, shower room, 3 first floor bedrooms (2 interconnecting), bathroom, small garage & small courtyard garden. EPR E.

Soham £404,950

A superbly presented detached Victorian family home situated close to Soham Town Centre. Entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, play room/family room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, parking, garage & gardens. EPR E.

Soham £237,000

A rarely available spacious detached bungalow situated on a good size mature plot in a highly regarded location in this popular town of Soham. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, garden room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom together with driveway leading to single garage, front and rear garden. EPR D.

Wicken £325,000

A superb conversion forming part of a school house (circa 1908), offering a stunning home with many individual features. Hall, open plan kitchen/living room, garden room, 2 ground floor bedrooms 1 ensuite & family bathroom, first floor galleried sitting room & master bedroom with ensuite, rear garden & off road parking for 2 vehicles. EPR D.

Littleport £229,950

A detached bungalow set in a non estate position and conveniently situated for the village centre. Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, a bathroom & separate WC, enclosed rear garden, driveway parking for approximately 3/4 vehicles & a single garage. EPR TBC.

Little Downham £345,000

A detached Victorian home refurbished and modernised throughout. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/family room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, parking and gardens. Situated close to the centre of this popular village, the property is available with no upward chain. EPR F.

Sutton £265,000

A spacious detached bungalow situated on a mature generous plot. The versatile family accommodation includes entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, car port and gardens. The property also benefits from double glazing. EPR E.

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A well presented top floor apartment with communal grounds and allocated parking. EPC:C

Witchford £595 pcm

Mid terrace 2 bedroom cottage with gas heating, rear garden & on-street parking to the front. EPC:D

Ely £625 pcm

Modern first floor 2 bedroom flat on a popular development to the north of the City centre. EPC:B

Soham £650 pcm

Modern end of terrace 2 bedroom property with gas central heating, garden and parking. EPC:C

Ely £750 pcm

3 bedroom terrace house ideally located in the City centre with gas heating & garden to rear. EPC:D

Littleport £750 pcm

A newly redecorated detached 2 bedroom bungalow with gas heating, garden, garage and ample parking.

Soham £750 pcm

3 bedroom terraced house situated on a modern development with enclosed garden and parking. EPC:B

Ely £900 pcm

Semi detached 3 bedroom house with gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and parking. EPC:D

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Beautifully presented throughout, this three bedroom end of terrace house will be incredibly sought after with its larger than average rear garden and garage directly to side. Ring for your viewing! Ref: 8871

- En-suite to master and walk-in wardrobe
- Separate lounge and dining room
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Larger than average rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Beautiful presentation

Going - Going - Gone!

Guide Price £225,000 - £235,000

Great Location

EPC C

Ely

A fantastic opportunity to buy this smart modern three bedroom home in a very popular part of Ely, situated in a great location close to the city centre but with easy access to a train station and the A10. Ref: 9090

- End of terrace
- Off street parkng
- Garage
- En suite to master
- Ely city location
- Chain free

One not to miss! Call now!

Guide Price £265,000 - £275,000

Lovely To Look At-Delightful To Live In

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Soham

Our sellers have lived in this three bedroom detached bungalow for some 27 years having brought their family up in it. They believe they have perfect neighbours and have always loved the location and plot size. Ref: 9055

- Working open fireplace to lounge
- Kitchen / diner
- Double tandom style garage
- Good size plot
- Ample off road parking
- Semi rural location

A plot with potential-enquire today!

Guide Price £450,000

Out Of The Ordinary

EPC D

Witchford

There is far more than meets the eye within this three bedroom detached family home set on a plot of approximately one acre (STS). Our seller has lived at the property for more years than he cares to remember and the property has certainly evolved. Ref: 8814

- Three double bedrooms
- Modern open plan kitchen/diner
- Wet room & family bathroom
- Garage and additional parking
- Planning permission for extension
- Lots of potential and versatility

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Prickwillow

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- Sleek and modern
- En suite & dressing room
- Two reception rooms
- Under floor heating
- Exceptional size plot
- Ample off road parking

Don't wait-view now!

Guide Price
£220,000 - £230,000
Littleport
Make Sure You Book Your Viewing!
EPC C

Lots of space, naturally light rooms and a fabulously sized rear garden are just some of the benefits on offer within this family friendly three bedroom link detached house. The garden was a major factor in our seller buying this property and also that it was not too hemmed in by other properties. The layout is very family orientated with both the kitchen/diner and lounge being light and airy and offering a good amount of space. The property is being sold with no forward chain. Ref: 8989

The Good Life!

Guide Price
£250,000 - £260,000
Prickwillow
Peace And Quiet
EPC C

Individually designed three bedroom detached family home set close to the River Lark. Ideal for fishing, walking and bird watching. The hub of the home for our sellers is most definitely the kitchen/diner which could also be adapted to incorporate a family area. This property offers spacious accommodation upstairs and down! Ref: 8835

Modern and individual-view now!

Guide Price
£575,000
Wilburton
A Rare Opportunity!
EPC E

This former farmhouse and barn has certainly evolved over the years into the delightful period cottage that now exists. Oozing with charm and character, this property will certainly wow the viewer as they wander from room to room. Ref: 8649

Far From The Ordinary

Guide Price
£135,000 - £145,000
Littleport
Something For Everyone
EPC D

My sellers needed a family home and as soon as they saw the garden they knew this was the house for them! They have been renovating over the last couple of years the new owners will enjoy their efforts immensely ... The lounge is now open to the kitchen and the bathroom has been moved downstairs to utilities previously wasted space and create a 3rd bedroom upstairs. Ref: 9060

Come and see!

The Home Your Family Deserves £675,000

Wentworth EPC D

Ready to live in the lap of luxury? Our sellers had this four bedroom executive home built in 1980 and it has evolved over the years as their needs and requirements have changed. Set on an amazing size plot in a prime location! The property offers space and versatility and any buyer will not help but be wowed as they wander from room to room! There is an abundance of living space with its five reception rooms, four bedrooms and two en suites. Ref: 8968

- Executive residence
- Four bedrooms with two en suites
- Five reception rooms
- Two double garages
- Heated swimming pool
- Exceptional size plot

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SUTTON GAULT

An impressive and stylish four bedroom home, set within a lovely setting with formal gardens and adjoining field totalling about 4 acres (STS)

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, utility, kitchen/breakfast room, double garage, LPG central heating, carriage driveway and 4 acres (STS). EPC rating: E

£429,950

SUTTON

A highly individual detached family home thoughtfully enlarged during recent times to create a stylish four bedroom residence.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, sitting room, family room, dining room, kitchen, utility, garden room, gas central heating, driveway, single garage, side and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£299,950

ELY

An attractive detached four bedroom townhouse with stylish accommodation set within this tucked away location just of Witchford Road.

4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, cloakroom, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, gas central heating, double glazing and south facing rear garden. EPC rating: D

£295,000

HADDENHAM

A beautifully presented semi detached home recently improved and enlarged to now provide spacious four bedroom accommodation.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, sitting/dining room, kitchen, utility room, oil fired central heating, double glazing, driveway, carport and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£275,000

ELY

A three bedroom townhouse on a highly regarded development, ideal for any family.

3 bedrooms, master with en suite shower room, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room/family room/study, lounge, cloakroom, garage, off-road parking and rear garden EPC rating: C

£244,950

MEPAL

A well presented detached three bedroom bungalow occupying a favourable position within this popular residential area.

3 bedrooms, sitting/dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite shower room, family bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating and garage. EPC rating: D

£234,950

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SOLD STC

ELY **£195,000**

A modern three bedroom terraced home in this popular residential area just off ' Stour Green' and within the catchment area of The Lanterns primary school.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, entrance hall, gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking. EPC rating: C

NEW

SUTTON **£172,500**

A beautifully presented modern two bedroom home situated at the head of this popular residential development.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, double glazing, gas central heating and garage. EPC rating: C

SOLD STC

ELY **£179,950**

A lovely two bedroom modern home well presented and occupying a popular City location.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen, double glazing, gas central heating. EPC rating: D

SOLD STC

ELY **£210,000**

An immaculately presented modern three bedroom home well situated in this popular residential location.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, garage. EPC rating: C

SOLD STC

WITCHFORD **£165,000**

A modern semi detached two bedroom home with an adjoining single garage and good rear garden.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance porch, living room, kitchen, cloakroom, double glazing, central heating. EPC rating: C

SUTTON **£115,000**

A two bedroom ground floor maisonette situated towards the far end of this pleasant lane.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance porch, living room, kitchenette, gas central heating, parking space, front garden. EPC rating: B

SOHAM **£115,000**

A two bedroom second floor apartment positioned in this residential development in the popular and well served town of Soham.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, inner hallway, open plan kitchen, lounge/dining room and allocated parking space. EPC rating: D

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SOHAM **£635PCM***

A modern and well presented two bedroom terraced house situated on the popular 'Kingfisher Drive' development in Soham.

The property comprises of entrance hall, WC, lounge with stairs to first floor, kitchen/diner, french doors to the rear garden, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property has new decor and carpets throughout. Gas central heating. Allocated parking space. EPC rating: C.

NEW

ELY **£675PCM***

A very well presented semi-detached two bedroom house, located in the popular development of Fitzgerald Close. The property benefits from new decor and new carpets throughout.

With Entrance hall, kitchen with electric oven and gas hob, washing machine, fridge freezer. Lounge/diner leading to conservatory at the rear. Double bedroom and a further single bedroom and bathroom. Rear enclosed garden. Garage and parking for two cars. GCH. EPC rating: C

NEW PRICE

CHITTERING **£1800PCM***

An impressive six bedroom detached farm house placed at the end of a private, tree lined driveway in the village of Chittering.

The property comprises of, sitting room, dining room and a large kitchen/family room. Six bedrooms, Master with dressing area and shower room, a family bathroom and cloakroom. Double garage. Mature gardens. Water included. EPC: E.

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT **£595PCM***

A recently refurbished two bedroom terrace cottage located in the popular village of Littleport and situated within easy access of local amenities and the Station.

Lounge, newly fitted kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, utility area, WC, two double bedrooms, newly fitted bathroom and new carpets and decor throughout. Gas central heating. Mature rear garden with greenhouse and brick built store. Garage and parking. EPC rating: E.

NEW

ELY **£675PCM***

A well presented two bedroom flat within walking distance of the City centre and Station.

The property comprises of lounge opening to kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Electric heating. Parking. EPC : C.

STRETHAM **£850PCM***

A spacious four bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac located in the village of Stretham giving easy access to the A10.

The property comprises of a lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, cloakroom, master bedroom, two double bedrooms, bedroom 4 with a built in single bed and family bathroom. Rear enclosed garden, driveway. Electric heating. EPC rating E

LET

ELY **£600PCM***

A nicely presented one bedroom fully furnished first floor flat located in a small cul-de-sac, a short walk from the City Centre.

Open plan living area kitchen, WC, bedroom and bathroom. GCH. EPC rating: C.

SOHAM **£475PCM***

A bright and spacious one bedroom second floor flat located in the popular Market Town of Soham.

Kitchen with built in electric oven and hob, lounge/diner with built in TV unit and shelving, bedroom and shower room. Neutrally decorated throughout. Electric storage heating. One allocated parking space. EPC rating: C.

ELY **£725PCM***

A well presented three bedroom terraced house, in a ideal location for the City of Ely Community College and City Centre. Also convenient for the A10.

The property provides a lounge, dining room, kitchen, a ground floor WC, master bedroom with built-in wardrobes and ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Gas central heating. Small front & enclosed rear garden. Parking. EPC rating C

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Wilburton: £575,000

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- Three reception rooms
- Three bedrooms
- Master with en suite
- £575,000

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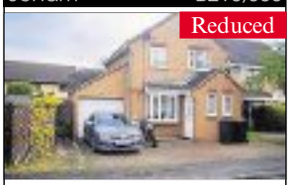
Chippenham £136,750 — New Price

We are delighted to offer for sale this detached one bedroom house situated in the sought after village of Chippenham. Accommodation comprises kitchen, lounge/dining room, bedroom and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and double glazing and offers an enclosed rear garden. No onward chain.

Soham £165,000 — New

We are pleased to offer for sale this end terrace house situated in the town of Soham with accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and garage en-bloc. Viewing strongly recommended. No onward chain EPC Rating C

Soham £210,000 — Reduced



Detached house situated in popular residential area in the town of Soham. The accommodation in brief comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, playroom, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from double glazing, gas radiator heating and an enclosed rear garden. Viewing is strongly recommended. EPC TBC

Soham £315,000

We are pleased to offer for sale this detached bungalow situated in a non estate position in the town of Soham. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms with en-suite to master bedroom and bathroom. Viewing is strongly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer. EPC Rating D.

Soham £425,000

Detached four bedroom house situated in a non estate position on the outskirts of Soham offering extensive stabling with paddocks and menage extending to approx two acres subject to survey. The accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, landing, four bedrooms and bathroom. EPC Rating D.

Soham £132,500 — Chain Free

First floor flat with accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from gas radiator heating, double glazing and an allocated parking space. EPC Rating C. No onward chain.

Soham £625 pcm — To Let

Semi detached house with accommodation comprising entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, utility room, bathroom and two bedrooms. Sorry no sharers, pets, benefits. EPC Rating F

Soham £535 pcm — To Let

A brand new one bedroom first floor apartment situated on the high street in Soham , open plan lounge/ kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, electric heating. Tenant application fees apply

Soham £750 pcm — To Let

A three bedroom semi detached house situated within walking distance of St Andrews School with double glazing and gas radiator heating. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage. No smokers, No shares, No housing benefit. Tenant application fees apply

Soham £665 pcm — To Let

Top floor flat with two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and spacious lounge/dining room. The property benefits from gas heating and allocated parking space. Available 24/08/2014.

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EPC - 75(C)

SOHAM £265,000

A substantial, 5 bedroom, semi detached, 3 storey townhouse which lies in a cul de sac location on the Ely side of this well served Town.

Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, En-Suite Shower and Dressing Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Garage, Car Port, Enclosed Rear Garden.

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A much improved and beautifully presented 3 bedroom detached home, situated in a Central City location close to all amenities

Dual Aspect Sitting/ Dining Room, Kitchen, Landing, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Courtyard Garden Area.

EPC - 39(E)

HADDENHAM £199,950

A spacious 3 bedroom semi detached family home situated on a generous corner plot with potential to further extend and large workshop to rear.

Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Corner Plot, Large Garage, Brick Built Workshop, Ample Off Road Parking.

No Upward Chain
EPC - 54(E)

ELY £295,000

A well presented 4 bedroom detched family home situated in a highly sought after modern development just a short walk from the Lantern school and the City Centre.

Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Landing, Master and Bedroom 2 having En-Suite Shower Rooms, 2 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Tandem Length Garage, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed Windows, Rear Lawned Garden.

EPC - 72(C)

ELY £285,000

A particularly spacious, extended, four bedroom detached/link detached property tucked away in a desirable cul de sac position close to St John's less than half a mile from the City centre.

Spacious Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and En-Suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Off Road Parking.

EPC - 59(D)

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LITTLEPORT £475,000

A substantial individually built detached residence with self contained annexe which lies in a convenient position in this well served village location.
EPC - 70(C)

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A deceptively spacious, 4 bedroom, detached family home occupying a good sized plot situated in an established and much sought after City location. EPC - 59(D)

LITTLE DOWNHAM £184,950

An individually designed 2/3 bedroom detached family home situated just off the High Street in this sought after Village. No Upward Chain. EPC - 78(C)

LITTLEPORT £285,000

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a residential/ commercial property consisting of a detached four bedroom bungalow with adjacent A1 premises in the centre of this well served village location. EPC - 67(D)

ELY £105,000

A particularly spacious, first floor, 2 double bedroom apartment which lies in a convenient spot with views over park land less than a mile from the City centre. EPC - 67(D)

COVENEY £365,000

Positioned down a quiet lane, this deceptively spacious, 4 bedroom family home offers spectacular views towards Ely and occupies a substantial plot with a range of outbuilding of approximately 1/5 acre. No Upward Chain. EPC - 75(C)

LAKENHEATH £450,000

A rare opportunity to acquire 5 bedroom detached farmhouse with a large range of outbuildings including a new barn, 2 cart sheds, garage and ample secure parking set in approximately 0.75 of an acre. EPC - 35(F)

LITTLE THETFORD £199,950

A detached house with three good sized bedrooms situated in a quiet residential area only a short drive from Ely.

No Upward Chain EPC - 58(D)

SOHAM £650 pcm*

A recently refurbished two bedroom cottage which has delightful views to the rear over park land.

Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, Ground Floor Shower Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Attractive Rear Garden.

EPC TBC

AVAILABLE END OF JULY - UNFURNISHED

LITTLE DOWNHAM £675 pcm*

A 2/3 bedroom, detached house conveniently situated near local shopping facilities and providing good access into the City of Ely. EPC 78 - C
AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

LITTLEPORT £795 pcm*

A large, spacious Victorian house with four bedrooms gas central heating and double glazing and new conservatory close to the railway station. EPC 48- E
AVAILABLE BEGINNING OF AUGUST - UNFURNISHED

LITTLE DOWNHAM £595 pcm*

A detached spacious one bedroom coach house which enjoys far reaching views over open countryside. EPC 72 - C
AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - PART FURNISHED

LITTLEPORT £575 pcm*

A modern two bedroom mid terraced house situated within close proximity to local amenities and rail access. EPC 80 - C
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ELY £450,000

- Superb modern detached residence
- Non estate location
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en-suites and family bathroom
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- Double garage and parking
- Landscaped rear garden

LITTLEPORT £209,950

- Modern family home
- Popular location
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Utility and cloakroom
- Lounge and dining room
- EPC Rating C
- No onward chain

STRETHAM £279,950

- A modern detached home
- Individual design in non-estate position
- Smartly presented
- Lounge with open fireplace
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner
- En suite shower to bedroom 1
- Double car port and driveway
- Heating is oil fired, EPC Band C

LITTLE DOWNHAM £295,000

- Rarely available detached house requiring updating
- Situated on 0.75 acre sts
- 3/4 bedrooms
- 2 reception room
- Kitchen and pantry
- Outbuildings and workshop
- EPC Rating F

LITTLEPORT £139,950

- Modern semi detached bungalow
- Open aspect to rear
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating D

SOUTHERY £235,000

- Detached family home
- Non estate location
- 3 double bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Single garage and workshop
- Open views to rear
- EPC Rating D

LITTLEPORT £209,950

- Considerably improved cottage
- Deceptively spacious throughout
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining area
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master, bathroom and downstairs shower room
- Parking and Garden. EPC Rating D

LITTLEPORT £540,000

- Substantial individual home
- Designed and built in 2002
- 4/5 Bedrooms
- Garden Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Delightful large gardens
- Study and Games room
- EPC Rating C

LITTLEPORT £79,950

- Purpose built ground floor apartment
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating D

LITTLEPORT £309,950

- Modern detached family home
- Open aspect to front
- Stylishly fitted kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- 2 en-suites and dressing room
- Landscaped rear garden
- EPC Rating B

ALDRETH £284,950

- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- 3 reception rooms
- Large kitchen/dining room
- Utility and conservatory
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- EPC Rating D

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£220,000

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- Separate Lounge & Dining Room
- Sun Room
- Loft Conversion
- EPC Rating D

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CHATTERIS
- Non Estate Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Re Fitted Shower Room
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- UPVC double Glazing
- EPC Rating TBC

£143,500

CHATTERIS
- Brand New
- Three Bedrooms With En Suite To Master
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating B

£145,000

CHATTERIS
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating E

£149,995

CHATTERIS
- Individual Architect Designed
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Master Bedroom With EnSuite
- EPC Rating C

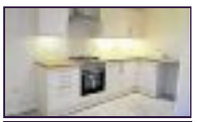
£249,995

CHATTERIS
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating B

£135,000

CHATTERIS
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Wet Room Plus Separate WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Cul De Sac Location
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating D

£155,000



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- Brand New
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite To Master
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating - B

£140,000

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Separate Dining Room
- Energy Rating - E
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room plus Utility
- Off Road Parking

£149,950

CHATTERIS
- Brand New
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite To Master
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating B

£142,500

CHATTERIS
- Brand New
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen With Integrated Appliances
- EPC Rating - TBC

£185,000

CHATTERIS
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Conservatory
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating D

£189,995

CHATTERIS
- Two Double Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Enclosed Courtyard Garden
- EPC Rating - G

£110,000

CHATTERIS
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Two Allocated Off road Parking Spaces
- EPC Rating TBC

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- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite To Master
- Tenants In Situ
- EPC Rating B

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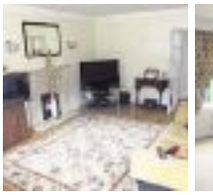

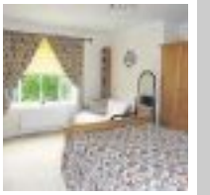

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- Four Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
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- Set Over Three Floors
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Double Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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Haddenham **£275,000**

- Detached Chalet Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Carport
- Brick Built Store
- Viewing Recommended

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Welney **Offers Over £170,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Greatly Improved
- uPVC Cladding & Double Glazing
- Good Decorative Order Throughout

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Soham **£240,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Generous Plot
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Call Branch for Details

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Soham **Guide Price £120,000 - £125,000**

- Period Cottage
- Investment
- Three Bedrooms
- Tenent in Place
- Driveway & Garage
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Garden
- To Be Sold at Auction

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- Semi Detached Property
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- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens & Garage

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New Scirocco is on sale

PRICES for the revised Volkswagen Scirocco, which opened for orders this week ahead of first deliveries in October, start at £20,455 for the 1.4-litre TSI 125PS manual and rise to £33,795 for the 2.0-litre TSI 280PS Scirocco R.

The new Scirocco, which made its public debut at the Geneva Motor Show in March, 40 years after the original, comes with a new range of advanced engines that offer up to 280PS yet also promise fuel efficiency improvements of up to 19 per cent.

Externally, the Scirocco's shape has been refined and modernised with new headlights and tail lights, as well as revised bumper styling. The revised front bumper features aerodynamic 'blades' in the outer section, like those on the latest-generation Golf GTI, with integrated indicator lights, daytime running lights and fog lights. On models with (optional) bi-xenon headlights, the daytime running lights are LEDs within the main headlights.

THE NEW SCIROCCO: Cuter inside and out

Under the bonnet (which as before features the Volkswagen roundel) are six new turbocharged direct-injection petrol and diesel engines, all of which meet EU6 emissions standards and return between 67.3 and 35.3mpg. All models in the range except the R now feature BlueMotion Technology modifications, meaning they come as standard with Stop/Start and also brake energy recuperation systems.

The petrol range consists of a 1.4-litre petrol with 125PS (was 122), and a new 2.0-litre 180PS unit which replaces the previous 1.4-litre 160PS unit. Despite an increase in capacity and power, it is more economical than the unit it replaces. The previous 2.0-litre TSI 210 PS has been replaced with a 220PS unit that is also 19 per cent more fuel efficient. The new Scirocco R uses a 2.0-litre unit producing 280PS: 15PS more than before.

Two diesel engines are both 2.0-litre units, with either 150PS or 184PS, and up to 68.9mpg. The 1.4-litre TSI comes only with a six-speed manual gearbox, while all other engines come with a standard six-speed manual gearbox with the option of a six-speed DSG gearbox.

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS: Are they really useful in the middle of the night?

Traffic lights and Fred Flintstone

NO one likes sitting in traffic (OK, maybe the vindictive highways engineers on car-hating local councils). And the main culprit? Traffic lights, *writes Iain Dooley.*

Where I live, traffic lights have been planted with the enthusiasm of a rich hippy building a sustainable forest to offset the vulgar nature of his stinking pile of cash. The darn things are everywhere.

I have no problem with sensibly planned pedestrian crossings and the regulation of traffic at tricky junctions, but the desire to punctuate forward motion every 100 yards with a traffic light is fast becoming a serious pain.

Professional cynics – yes, that includes me – have long since worked out that the primary motive for this planning hell is to slow down traffic so we don't harm the polar bears. However, this stop-start nonsense only encourages drivers to accelerate-brake hard to the next light. Hardly an efficient or green way to make progress.

There's another side to the planner's fondness for the traffic light that causes me more than a little frustration, though – the recent trend to control roundabouts with them, a trend that defies basic logic.

Roundabouts – large and small – have been reduced to traffic light controlled junctions. The round bit in the middle is merely ornamental and serves no meaningful purpose anymore.

And the best bit? Day and night these blinking lights on poles operate tirelessly to ensure we can't make meaningful progress. Sure, five o'clock on a busy weekday and you might need to regulate the traffic a little. But is it really necessary to have to sit and wait for the green light in the middle of the night, or the weekend?

Of course not, and the technology exists to allow us to use roundabouts as they were originally intended. Sadly the appropriate level of common sense does not. Why not make the lights' operation 'peak time' only instead of being forced to obey the traffic gods at midnight when there's not a soul around?

Of course, when driverless cars take over the world, this won't be an issue. Until then, though, the more obstacles in the way of making progress – no matter how slow – are in danger of sending us back to the Fred Flintstone era. Sadly I fear that's exactly what the polar bear lovers want.

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Role

The role of the Non-Executive Director (NED) is to assist in shaping the Trust's aims, values and strategic goals. They will play a vital role in overseeing the Trust's future direction in an increasingly commercial environment.

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Person Specification

The Governors of CPFT are looking for talented individuals who can blend with our current NEDs, people who have excelled in their field and who can offer a range of skills that may have been honed in the public, private or voluntary sectors and can assist in the future development of the Trust. We are particularly interested in those with expertise in integration of business or services, business development, due diligence, corporate governance, social care, communication & marketing, development and delivering customer/patient centric services.

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Athletics

Heading in the right direction: Jonnie Peacock in action at the Glasgow Grand Prix, winning the T44 100m. Picture: Paul Sanwell/OP Photographic

Peacock comeback is gathering speed

JONNIE Peacock insists he can feel everything clicking into place after continuing his comeback from injury with an encouraging outing at the Sainsbury's Glasgow Grand Prix.

The 21-year-old Doddington-based athlete headed to Hampden Park – the athletics venue for the Commonwealth Games – for just his third race of the season with injuries having held him back to date.

And it was another positive outing for the Paralympic champion as he recorded a legal season's best time of 10.97sec to finish second in the T44 100m in Glasgow.

It could have been even better for Peacock as he led for the first half of the race, only just being pipped on the line by the man he beat at London 2012 – American Richard Browne winning by 0.01.

And it was the failure to claim victory, rather than celebrate a season's best, that occupied his mind immediately afterwards, Peacock vowing to go faster still this weekend at the Sainsbury's Anniversary Games in London.

"It felt to me like I got a really good start and for me that is what this year has been about, executing a good start like I do in training," said Peacock.

"So it felt like I got that right, unfortunately I just couldn't keep it together and hold on and there were a couple of dodgy steps around 50m and that made me lose momentum.

"I could feel Richard coming on to me and well done to him for getting me on the dip but next weekend I can fix that and get him back.

"It is a really quick track so if I hadn't run a season's best I would have been disappointed with myself, but there is plenty more in me and I know I can go faster still."

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Golf

Victorious: Ely City's Andrew George after his win at South Herts.

George hits form to win at South Herts

ANDREW George confirmed his return to top form with victory in the South Herts Pro-Am.

The Ely City Golf Club player earned a one-shot triumph with a five-under-par round of 67.

He said: "My game came together about three weeks ago. The previous six weeks had been very ordinary for me. I had a swing fault and was hitting a pull shot once or twice a round that was ruining my score.

"But I seem to have got through it after working hard, hitting thousands of balls on the practice ground. Winning seems like it's a little bit of a reward for all the work I have been doing.

"It was a question of being patient and waiting for the good things to come."

The win will come as the perfect boost ahead of his bid to qualify for next week's Senior British Open.

George will head to Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club on July 21, aiming to make it through to the main event at Royal Porthcawl (July 24-27).

Football

Ely on Crusade for recruits

ELY Crusaders are looking for new players.

They are seeking recruits for the under-13 9v9 side and anyone interested should contact Dawn on 07876 467178.

Ely Crusaders under-14s play 11v11 on a Sunday and their contact is Stuart on 07740 201386, while the under-16s' contact is Alan on 07794 734340.

Ely Crusaders Saturday Seniors' team is either James 07814 561253 or Matt 07521 335884.

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Darts

Claydon secures maiden victory

BRETT Claydon claimed his first tournament victory on the PDC Unicorn Challenge Tour by edging out Aden Kirk 5-4 in the final.

Soham's Claydon won the second event of the day at the Ricoh Arena, having lost 5-2 to Max Hopp in the first round of the opening competition.

After being given a bye, Claydon defeated Dave Weston 5-4 in the second round, followed by a 5-3 win over Nick Fullwell.

He booked his place in the quarter-finals by beating Curtis Bagley 5-3 and then saw off the day's earlier finalist, Jamie Robinson.

Claydon found himself 4-3 down with Robinson throwing to win the match, but a succession of missed doubles allowed the Soham man to take the next two legs and seal a final spot.

The decider with Kirk went all the way and Claydon produced a stunning 12-dart leg for victory, clinching the title with a 102 checkout.

He also took £2,000 prize money, which moves him up to ninth on the Challenge Tour Order of Merit.

The top two players at the end of the year earn a two-year PDC ProTour card, while those ranked third to eighth receive free entry into the PDC Qualifying School.

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